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MEGHAN TV RITCHIE ROLE WORTH £1M

But big deal could be OFF

By AMIR RAZAVI

EXCLUSIVE

THE Duchess of Sussex's deal to star in Netflix smash-hit series The Gentlemen is worth more than £1million.

We revealed yesterday that Meghan was in advanced talks for a major role in the gangster comedy-drama by Guy Ritchie, *left*. But last night a US source claimed the deal was off. Tina

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WRONG-WAY CRASH HORROR

7 DEAD INCLUDING 2 BRAVE COPS

Aftermath . . . scene of crash yesterday

By PAUL SIMS

TWO police officers were among seven people killed in a 100mph crash yesterday.

A VW Passat on the wrong side of the road hit a marked armed response vehicle near Middlesbrough.

The VW's five occupants died at the scene, along with PC Matthew Blades, 37, and PC Tom Clough, 38.

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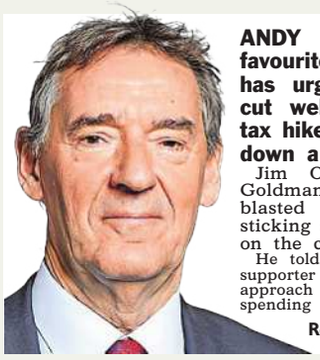
WARNING OVER SPENDING

BURNHAM GURU: CUT WELFARE BILL



ANDY Burnham's favourite economist has urged the PM to cut welfare and avoid tax hikes — but turned down a job with him.

Jim O'Neill, a former Goldman Sachs guru, blasted governments for sticking sky-high spending on the credit card.

He told the BBC: "I am a supporter of a more sensible approach to government spending and taxation. As Andy himself has emphasised, genuine welfare reform.

"You are only going to be able to solve those issues and cut the welfare bill if you have a more joined-up approach."

He said governments had been "scared" to make cuts over the past 15 years – which had left the UK saddled with debt and some of the highest interest rates in Europe.

Lord O'Neill added: "If the country wants to have better longer-term growth performances, we have got to deal with those things.

"I would include the (pensions) triple-lock as well as a more sensible approach to welfare spending."

The UK is spending nearly £1billion a day on welfare, and has nearly £3trillion of debt after worse than expected borrowing figures.

The gloomy numbers have fuelled fears that Mr Burnham's Chancellor John Healey will increase taxes in his first Budget in late October in order to fund defence and other spending commitments.

Some in Labour want to see the introduction of a wealth tax – but Lord O'Neill warned this could backfire. He said: "I'm not a fan of further increases in these kinds of taxes. The last thing we should be doing is discouraging genuine risk-taking."

Lord O'Neill denied falling out with the new PM, insisting he had no policy disagreements with him and is happy to act as an informal adviser.

He said he had turned down a job at No10 because he did not want to have to ditch his other business interests.

Lord O'Neill also suggested Mr Burnham's upbeat approach to government could get optimistic consumers spending more, boosting the economy.

By KATE FERGUSON

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Role snub . . . O'Neill

Rumours . . . Larry

No10 cat not dead but feline just fine

By KATE FERGUSON

DOWNING Street's Larry the cat has denied reports he is dead.

A news website incorrectly reported that No10's chief mouser was no more.

But the feline's X account posted: "Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated..."

Larry, 19, was adopted from Battersea Cats and Dogs home by David Cameron when he was PM. He is now on to his seventh Prime Minister.

Larry has nearly one million followers on X and is hugely popular with the public.

The Sun on Sunday has previously revealed that Downing Street has a secret communications plan to announce Larry's death when it happens.

He was one of several cats adopted from Battersea to help Whitehall's mouse problem.

Foreign Office cat Palmerston died aged 12. Treasury feline Gladstone retired aged five in 2019.

Russia's UK chief recalled

By ODHRAN GALLAGHER

RUSSIA has recalled its UK ambassador in an apparent bid to force Britain to backtrack on its support for Ukraine.

Andrey Kelin leaves his post after seven years at the embassy in London.

Moscow hasn't named a successor and staff have no timeline for a new appointment, according to The Times.

It is unclear whether the post will be left vacant or filled by a lower-ranking diplomat.

The move has sparked fresh concern about the deteriorating relationship between the countries.

Last week, President Vladimir Putin warned of "consequences" after UK-made drones were used by Ukraine to strike targets in Russia.

A recent chilling US military report warned that Russia could launch attacks on Nato within weeks. Officials fear Putin is plotting a small-scale land incursion.

TOFFEE-NOSED PM

Picture: PETER BYRNE/PA

By OSCAR JAEGER

ANDY Burnham and wife Marie-France van Heel see Everton kick off their Premier League season with a win yesterday.

Due to his new PM status, Burnham was unable to sit in his usual seat and was instead moved to the directors' box at the Hill Dickinson Stadium.

The Toffees fan, who was also with daughter Rosie, saw his side beat Crystal Palace 2-0.

Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall and Thierno Barry scored.

See SunSport

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Boney M Nige 'win'

DISCO legends Boney M are in talks to perform at Reform UK's party conference next month.

The 1970s band is famous for hits including Brown Girl In the Ring, Rasputin and Daddy Cool. The line-up has changed over the years, but original member Liz Mitchell is still active.

They are now being lined up by Nigel Farage's team to perform at the conference after-party in Birmingham.

Two members of the Jackson Five performed at last year's Reform conference, Marlon and his brother Jackie.

Kate Ferguson — Page 27

'DISHONEST BOB'

KEMI Badenoch yesterday ruled out letting defectors to Reform UK return to the Tories, branding them "the most dishonest people".

The Conservative leader blasted Robert Jenrick and others, saying: "These left us at our lowest. Many caused the problems then ran away and pretended they had nothing to do with it. Why should we have them back? I don't want drama queens."

She also again ruled out doing a deal with Nigel Farage's party after the next general election. She would rather go back to voters than have a "monstrous Reform/Conservative hybrid", she said in Edinburgh.

Blast . . . Badenoch

IRAN'S CYBER HIT

IRANIAN hackers managed to take a British power plant offline for several days in an online attack.

Cybercriminals working with the Tehran regime took it down in what is understood to be the most successful attack of its kind.

The unprecedented security incident coincided with a similar attack in July that affected water infrastructure across 12 states in the US, The Telegraph reported.

Government officials refused to name the power plant. The crisis is understood to have been reported to the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), a branch of GCHQ.

Action . . . GCHQ

IN BRITAIN'S BEST-SELLING SUNDAY PAPER

TONY PARSONS

Perhaps there's nothing on this planet quite as thick as Prince Harry

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LAST NIGHT'S LOTTO BALLS

LOTTO round 1: 11, 28, 41, 48, 57, 59, bonus 3. Round 2: 7, 8, 20, 21, 22, 52, bonus 40. HEALTH LOTTO: 5, 6, 12, 49, 50, bonus 20.

Touchy-feely Fergie

By BRENDAN McFADDEN

ACTRESS Rebecca Ferguson shimmers in silver — before smooching her co-star during filming for her upcoming movie.

Rebecca, 42, and Greta Lee, 43, were seen locking lips for the untitled flick in London, *right*.

Greta revealed earlier this month she is starring in a romance featuring two women. She said: "I haven't done that before. Full on, baby. I'm doing my stretches."

It comes after Rebecca dazzled in a silver dress at the Birmingham premiere of the Peaky Blinders film.

Picture: CLICK NEWS

SHOWBIZ EXCLUSIVE

THE f-OFF WORD

By HANNAH HOPE
Showbiz Editor

GORDON Ramsay's new show has been halted — because old foe Marcus Wareing has walked out.

The series was highly anticipated after the two celebrity chefs ended their 16-year feud to work on the TV project.

Marcus was set to host the BBC show, which was being made by Gordon's production company Studio Ramsay.

But Marcus, 56, has informed the executives he no longer wants to take part.

A source said: "Sadly, the format has already fallen apart. Last week, Marcus told the producers he didn't want to do it anymore, leading to the show being halted.

"It's a shame as there was so much excitement about the reunion." The insider added: "It all feels pretty final, but the BBC could try to rescue it in another way.

"They liked the concept and the talent involved."

It is unclear what has caused Marcus to quit.

Sources deny that he fell out with The F Word star Gordon, 59 – famous for his four-letter rants – during pre-production meetings in the past few weeks.

The planned show about cooks improving their skills was expected to air on BBC2 next year. Filming was due to start in September.

The pair fell out spectacularly in 2008 when Marcus left as head chef at one of Gordon's restaurants to set up his own venture.

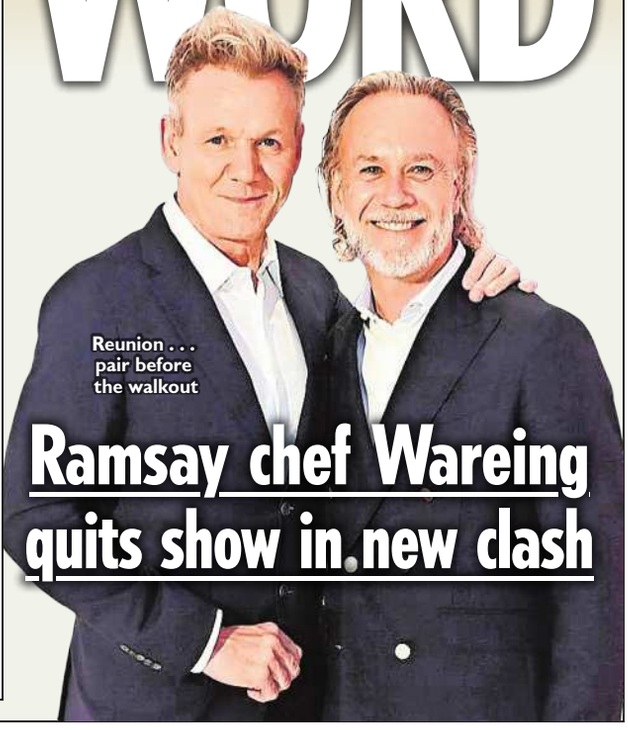
Their rift was legendary in the industry, though Marcus once said it was the best thing that could have happened to them both. They are said to have resolved their differences months ago.

Marcus said in June about signing up for the new programme: "This is a fantastic opportunity to work alongside Gordon again.

"It's been many years since we last shared a kitchen. I can't wait to get started."

Gordon also hailed the new TV venture. The star of Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares and Hell's Kitchen said: "Marcus and I go back a long way. And I'm delighted we're coming together to bring this special series to BBC Daytime."

The BBC declined to comment. We also approached Gordon and Marcus.



Reunion . . . pair before the walkout

Ramsay chef Wareing quits show in new clash

JOY of PETS

NEW TV series The Joy of Pets — a celebration of the bond between animals and their owners — starts on ITV1 at 11.30am today. To celebrate, vet Dr Bolu Eso, who presents the show with Gaby Roslin, has given us some amazing creature facts which we've scattered throughout your Sun on Sunday . . .

DUMMY PROOF

A SUPERMARKET is fitting security tags on baby dummies to foil shoplifters.

The Tesco Express slapped devices on the £8.50 comforters as shops across Britain also secure cheese, milk and meat amid a wave of thefts.

The move by the store near London Bridge comes as there has been a spike in shoplifters selling loot online – including on Facebook Marketplace.

The British Retail Consortium's Lucy Whing said: "Criminals and organised gangs are targeting products that are easy to move and sell on."

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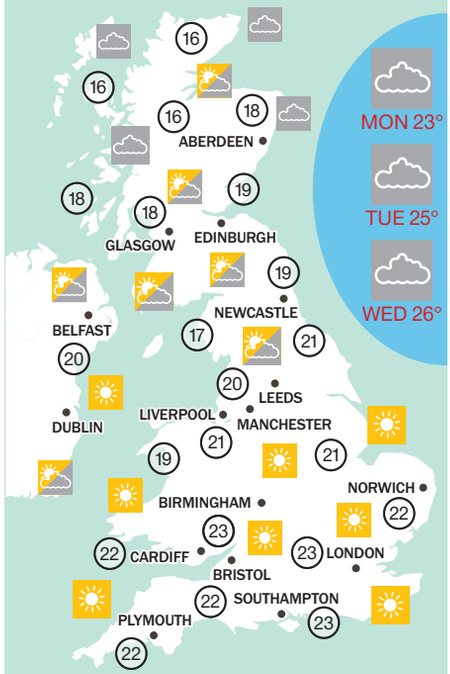

TODAY: Cloudy in Northern England, with sunny spells in the West. Sunny in the Midlands and Southern England. Mostly sunny in the East, with some cloudy intervals.
TONIGHT: Mostly clear skies in Western England, fair conditions in Central regions, and cloudy in North-East England. Light winds from various directions across the country.
OUTLOOK: On Wednesday, cloudy with mild temperatures across England, turning cooler by evening. Thursday sees mostly sunny spells in the South, while North experiences light showers.

THE tropical depression that would become Hurricane Katrina formed in the Caribbean on August 23, 2005. It reached peak intensity over the Gulf of Mexico six days later flooding New Orleans — killing 1,392 and causing damage worth $125billion.

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SHOW HO-HO

A TV channel airing only Christmas films will launch next week – 120 days before December 25.

Despite predictions Britain could be entering another heatwave, executives at Great! are pressing forward with the festive-focused programming

Freeview channel 52 will transform from Great! Romance to Great! Christmas on Wednesday – and will air 186 snow-covered films. It comes as one in five Brits admit they would happily watch Crimbo classics all year round. Great! TV's Kate Gartland said: "Great! Christmas is back – earlier than ever."

SEVEN KILLED

2 brave officers did not go home to their families

Crash probe . . . the A66 stayed shut yesterday

AN emotional police chief yesterday said two brave firearms cops killed in a horror car crash were there to protect the public — but tragically "did not return home to their families".

By PAUL SIMS, Special Correspondent

Five people, including at least two teenagers, in a VW Passat also died after it collided head-on with the officers' armed response vehicle.

The Passat was travelling on the wrong side of the A66 dual carriageway near Middlesbrough in the early hours of yesterday after a 100mph pursuit.

The two firearms officers were named as PC Matthew Blades, 37, and PC Tom Clough, 38. Last night, sources said the police chase was aborted when the Passat entered the A66 on the wrong side.

They revealed the two officers killed were not involved in the pursuit and died in a tragic twist of fate. The pair were instead on a separate shift for Cleveland Police's Matrix team, a specialist unit fighting serious organised crime.

Their chief constable Victoria Fuller fought back tears as she said yesterday: "This is an incredibly sad day for Cleveland. The loss has been felt across our communities, by our police family, and by our partner agencies. These were brave officers, protecting our communities and serving our residents, who didn't return home to their families, at the end of their shift." She said she had met with their families to "begin to come to terms with this unimaginable loss".

The five Passat occupants had also been formally identified, with their families supported by liaison officers.

The Independent Office for Police Conduct watchdog has launched an investigation after receiving a mandatory referral from Cleveland Police.

Prime Minister Andy Burnham said: "Devastated to hear that two police officers have lost their lives while on duty in Cleveland, as well as five members of the public. My thoughts are with the families and loved ones of everyone involved, and with everyone at Cleveland Police."

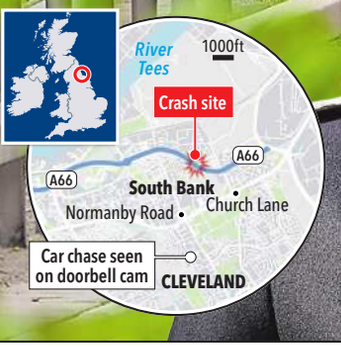
Debris from the collision was scattered across the dual carriageway. The armed response vehicle, which appeared to have

IN WRONG-WAY SMASH

● CRASH AFTER 100MPH CHASE
● TRAGIC COPS NOT IN PURSUIT

Force's grief . . flags at half-mast at HQ

Emergency response . . . fleet of police vehicles at scene of tragedy yesterday



Emotional tribute . . . Chief Constable Fuller

Picture: OWEN HUMPHREYS/PA

3 arrests as 2 men killed in collision

BY ODHRAN GALLAGHER

TWO young men died in a three-way car crash late on Friday night.

Three Seat Leons – one grey, one white and one black – were involved in the collision.

The driver of the white car, a man in his late teens, and his passenger, a man in his early 20s, were both pronounced dead at the scene.

Their families have been informed by police following the tragedy on Epsom Road in East Clandon, Surrey.

Officers arrested a man, 22, from Woking in Surrey, and a woman, 21 and another man, 19, from Guildford, Surrey.

They were being held last night on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving.

Officers closed the accident road while carrying out investigations.

Surrey Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone who may have dashcam footage of the incident to come forward.

A spokesman said: "Were you in the area between 10.50pm and 11pm on Friday?

"We are asking anyone who witnessed this collision or the events leading up to it to make contact.

"Motorists are asked to review dashcam, or helmet-cam footage that may have captured all or part of this incident."

been flipped on to its roof, was covered by a blue tarpaulin. A forensic tent was also set up next to the Passat's mangled wreckage.

The IOPC said officers began giving chase after identifying the Passat as a "suspicious vehicle".

Chilling doorbell footage captured it speeding down a residential street.

Three police cars, with their blue lights flashing and sirens wailing, followed at speed as the vehicle headed towards the A66.

Residents said they were woken at 3.36am by the sound of screeching tyres as the Passat took a corner into their narrow street.

Neil Hutchinson, 47, said: "The police cars were tearing down the street at half past three with lights flashing and their sirens going.

"You could tell from the noise that they were travelling at high speed. Two cars went down the street and then a few seconds later there was a third.

"It's a narrow street with cars parked on either side so it must have been a serious situation to be going at that speed down this road."

Another local, Ellie Westerman, 24, said: "The car must have been travelling at between 80 and 100mph down our narrow street.

"The noise woke me and I shot out of bed. You could feel the vibration in the house as the car went past and the police vehicles followed with their lights and sirens going. It was frightening that cars were being driven at that speed through a residential area."

Less than three minutes later, when the Passat joined the A66 on the wrong side of the road, the pursuit was aborted. It fled at speeds topping 100mph before hitting the police vehicle containing PC Blades and PC Clough.

Emergency services raced to the scene, including an air ambulance and firefighters, but all seven victims were pronounced dead.

The stepdad of a teen in the Passat was among those at the police cordon yesterday as investigators combed the site. He said: "Five young men have been killed, including my stepson who was only 18." It comes days after five teens were killed in Dublin after driving a BMW on the wrong side of the road amid fears of a TikTok craze.

The A66 remained closed all day yesterday as the probe continued.

Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood paid tribute to the police victims, saying: "Officers put their own safety on the line to protect their communities every single day. The two officers were on active duty, serving the people of Cleveland."

Cleveland Police Federation said it was "completely devastated". Chair Lauren Somerville said: "Words cannot describe the pain the Cleveland Police family are feeling. Our colleagues who should have been going home to their loved ones at the end of their shifts are not. And that is just unfathomable."

Flags were at half-mast outside the force's HQ in Middlesbrough.

Local Labour MP Anna Turley added: "My heart goes out to every family, friend and loved one now facing the most unimaginable loss following the devastating accident on the A66.

"I cannot begin to imagine how difficult this has been for the emergency services responding to such a devastating incident."

IOPC director Nicola Marfleet said: "Our investigation is in the very early stages. We have sent investigators to the post-incident procedures to begin reviewing evidence." *paul.sims@thesun.co.uk*

ROYALS RETURN

NEW FEARS OVER DIANA

With uncle . . . Harry and Earl Spencer in 2021, and book, below

Returning to UK . . . Harry and Meghan

Harry, Meg may stay at Earl home

But royals face flak in his memoir

EXCLUSIVE by AMIR RAZAVI, ED SOUTHGATE and MATT WILKINSON

PRINCE Harry and Meghan's UK return and royal truce face a battering from his uncle Earl Spencer's new book about the late Princess Diana.

It is understood the Sussexes and their children may stay at Earl Spencer's Althorp Estate temporarily while they wait to move into their new UK home.

The couple stayed at Althorp House, the Spencer family home in Northamptonshire where Diana is buried, when visiting in July.

But the Earl is expected to criticise King Charles and the late Queen over his sister's death – and senior royals' handling of the aftermath in a new book out in weeks.

The issues include her funeral and making the young Princes William and Harry walk behind her coffin.

He has previously slammed the royals following the Princess of Wales's death almost 30 years ago.

Swan Song: Diana, My Sister is due to be published on September 22 – just a couple of weeks after Harry and Meghan are expected to move back to Britain.

Harry, 41, may have discussed the book with his uncle. But it is understood he has not helped with the content in any way.

A source said: "The book and its timing are certain to ruffle some royal feathers. Harry and Meghan could even be with Earl Spencer when the book is published.

"Given that it's likely to be critical of senior royals, this could be a blot on Harry's homecoming and peaceful relations with his family."

It is the latest twist after The Sun revealed in a world exclusive on Thursday that the couple are returning home six years after Megxit – when they quit life as working royals to move to the US.

Harry and American Meghan, 45, will move into a non-royal residence while their children Archie, seven, and Lilibet, five, will attend school here.

Royal expert and Majesty Magazine editor-in-chief Ingrid Seward says it "makes sense" for them to stay at Althorp on their return.

Writing in today's Sun on Sunday, she says: "Princess Diana's younger brother, Charles Spencer, and his sisters have been quietly supporting Prince Harry and Meghan behind the scenes – and have been for some time."

She added: "Now, he is preparing to release a book on Diana, offering his family's perspective away from the royal household's 'grey men in suits'.

"Spencer delivered the final word in his historic Westminster Abbey eulogy, saying: 'We will do all we can to steer these two young men . . . so their souls are not simply immersed by duty and tradition'.

"At the time, it seemed like a shocking blow to the royals.

"In hindsight, it captures precisely what Spencer is doing now – helping Harry and Meghan navigate their return."

When announcing the release of his book last week, Earl Spencer, 62, vowed: "The aim of this book is to tell the truth about Diana from her brother's perspective, just as I attempted to do when speaking at her funeral." The funeral reference is a potential warning shot to the royals, given that he famously made thinly-veiled digs at them as he delivered the eulogy in Westminster Abbey on September 6, 1997.

In his speech, he attacked the family for stripping Diana of her royal status following her divorce from the then Prince Charles.

He said Diana – who was 36 when she died in a car crash in Paris along with her partner Dodi Fayed and chauffeur Henri Paul – "needed no royal title to continue to generate her brand of magic".

It came after the Royal Family suffered a huge public backlash over its handling of Diana's death. The late Queen was criticised for not returning to Buckingham Palace immediately after Diana died.

She was holidaying at Balmoral, in Scotland, with Princes William and Harry – then just 15 and 12 – and wanted to protect her grandsons. They stayed there for five days before returning to London.

The late Queen was also accused of being cold-hearted by the public for not flying a flag at half-mast at Buckingham Palace.

Protocol dictated no flag was flown over the building when the monarch was not in residence. But after the public backlash, the Queen agreed to fly the Union Flag at half-mast on the day of Diana's funeral as a mark of respect.

It sparked a change in tradition, with a flag now raised at all times – even when the monarch is not in residence.

The decision to make William and Harry walk behind Diana's coffin during her funeral procession also drew criticism. The decision was pushed by Prince Philip, who told them: "I'll walk if you walk."

Earl Spencer was vehemently against the idea, but claimed he was "lied to" and told the boys "wanted to do it, which of course they didn't".

Speaking in 2017, he said: "It was the worst part of the day by a considerable margin, walking behind my sister's body with two boys who were obviously massively grieving.

"It was a sort of bizarre circumstance where we were told you just have to look straight ahead.

"But the feeling, the sort of absolute crashing tidal wave of grief coming at you as you went down this sort of tunnel of deep emotion, it was really harrowing actually and I still have nightmares about it now." That year, Harry also said of

THREAT TO FAMILY TRUCE

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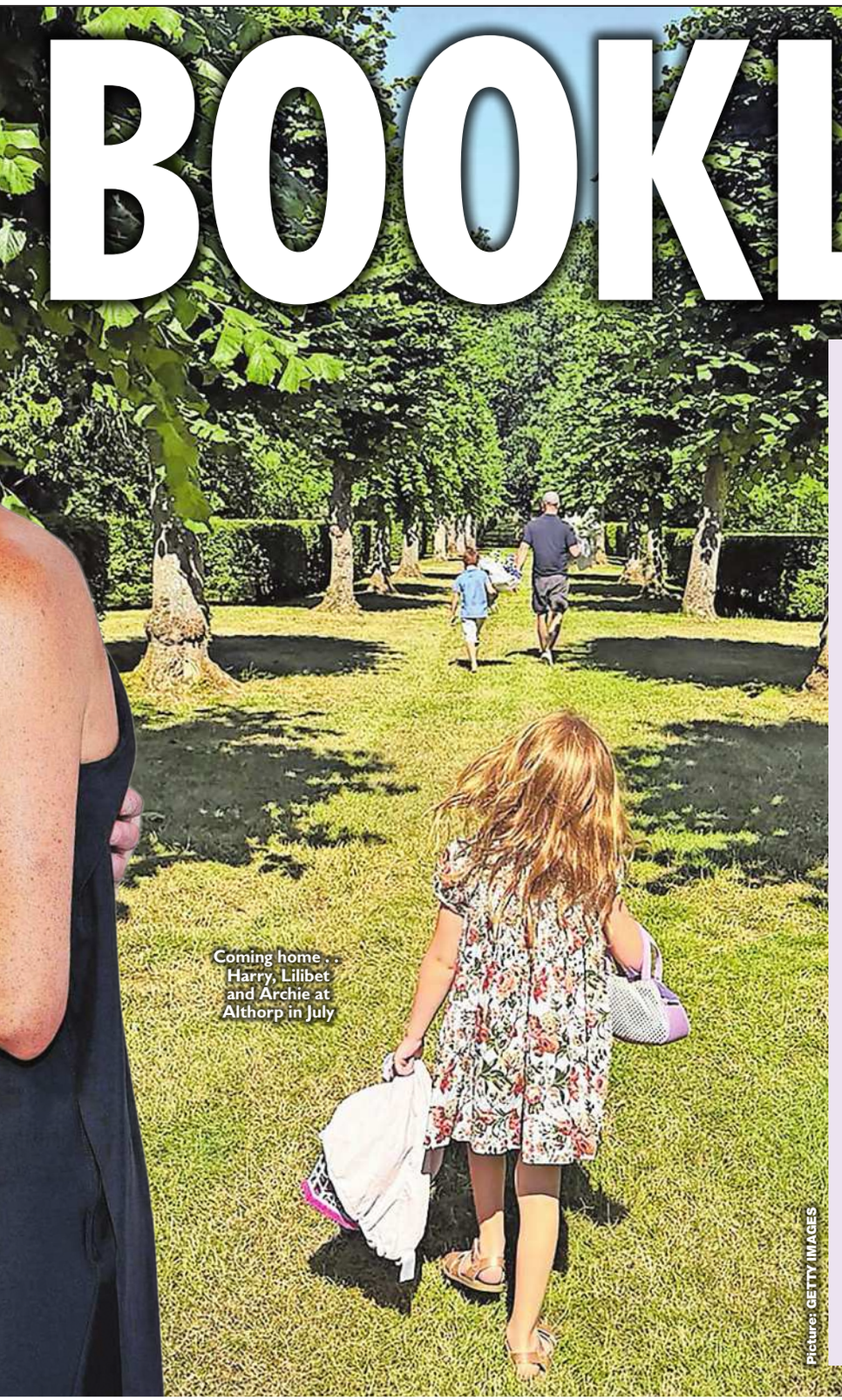

Coming home . . Harry, Lilibet and Archie at Althorp in July

Picture: GETTY IMAGES

Spencer doesn't shy from conflict

BY INGRID SEWARD
Royal biographer

FOR Prince Harry, Althorp's more than a grand country estate – it is a sacred sanctuary, the ancestral home of his late mother and the quiet island where she rests.

It is the one place in Britain he can draw close to Diana's memory away from the public gaze.

So, as he and Meghan navigate a complex transition back to the UK, it makes sense that they would look to the 13,000-acre Northamptonshire estate while searching for a permanent base.

Diana's younger brother Charles Spencer and his two sisters have been quietly supporting Harry and Meghan behind the scenes.

On one hand it is entirely fitting that Earl Spencer would smooth the path for his nephew.

On the other it feels like history repeating itself – given how the Spencers' own ties to the Royal Family eventually soured.

When Harry returns to the UK, Charles Spencer is often there.

In 2024 he attended the Invictus Games tenth anniversary service at St Paul's Cathedral.

The two were also seen together at the funeral of Lord Robert Fellowes, husband to Harry's aunt Lady Jane Fellowes.

Harry's "red aunts" Lady Jane and Lady Sarah McCorquodale – so known for their hair – were at the 2019 christening of Harry's son Archie at Windsor Castle.

The royal ties run deep. Charles' father Johnnie Spencer served as an equerry to both King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II.

Their maternal grandfather Lord Fermoy was a close friend of George VI and their grandmother Lady Fermoy was a lady-in-waiting to the Queen Mother.

Jokingly dubbed "ten generations of royal groupies", the Spencers have always been inextricably linked to the throne. Charles is even a godson of the late Queen.

Yet there is one major difference between the Spencers and the House of Windsor. While the royals famously adhere to "never complain, never explain" the Spencers have always fought back.

Charles does not shy away from conflict when he feels wronged.

Consider his battle with Martin Bashir and the BBC or his memoir detailing his traumatic schooldays.

Now he is preparing to release a book on Diana offering his family's perspective away from the royal household's "grey men in suits".

Harry has taken a similar path, dropping his own "truth bombs" through the same publisher in his memoir Spare. He is also reportedly involved in an upcoming documentary marking an anniversary of his mother's death.

Could Althorp and the Spencers feature in it? Only time will tell. The rift between the Royal Family and Charles over Diana's funeral arrangements is well-documented.

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At the time it seemed like a shocking blow to the royals. In hindsight it captures what Spencer is doing now – helping Harry and Meghan navigate their return.

Their children Archie and Lilibet need to understand their heritage, not have it airbrushed by the California sunshine. Looking ahead, the King must address any lingering animosity between the families.

While Harry and Meghan remain unpopular with the British public their children's connection to the Spencer line creates a powerful alternative royal bloodline – one rooted in public sentiment even while estranged from the Crown.

*Ingrid Seward is the author of Catherine and Diana which will be published in September by Orion.

the decision: "I don't think any child should be asked to do that, under any circumstances." And writing in his 2023 memoir Spare, he said: "I remember feeling numb. I remember clenching my fists."

The King is said to "deeply regret" letting his sons do the walk.

His Majesty was told only last Sunday of the Sussexes' return, but is pleased to be able to see his family privately. The pair did not raise any prospect of a return when they met with the King and Queen Camilla at the Highgrove estate in Gloucestershire in July.

Earl Spencer said he had been "inundated yet again" with interview requests ahead of the anniversary of Diana's death on August 31.

He said: "This has convinced me to write down my own thoughts and memories, once and for all, rather than having the discomfort of again reading the opinions of others, many of which are based on untruths."

It is also reported plans for a documentary – first revealed by The Sun last year – involving Harry to mark 30 years since Diana's death are "well advanced".

Additional reporting: ELLIE HENMAN and LAURA ARMSTRONG

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Brown claimed on X: "I learned this morning the casting of Meghan in The Gentlemen has been withdrawn.

"The backlash in the UK was so intense, it became untenable. This does not bode well for Meghan's acting comeback in the UK."

Former Tatler and Vanity Fair editor Tina is regarded as well connected in US showbiz circles.

Meanwhile, sources have told The Sun on Sunday that former Suits actress Meghan will be raking in a seven-figure sum if the contract is finalised. And fans are excited she could potentially be attending the London premiere of the show's second series on September 2, when she and Prince Harry are expected to be in the UK.

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A source said: "Meghan will be getting at least £1million for a role on The Gentlemen, perhaps even more. Signing her would be a major coup for the show's bosses and it would absolutely be worth parting with a sizeable fee."

Meghan is lined up to appear in the third series of the show about an aristocratic family who turn to crime, based on Ritchie's 2019 film of the same name. Netflix is set to announce commissioning next week.

Leading talent manager Professor Jonathan Shalit, chairman of Inter-Talent Rights Group, told The Sun on Sunday: "It's a great show and people love it all over the world. If they sign her, it's a great signing."

We approached the Duchess of Sussex and Netflix for comment.

TONY PARSONS ON MEG'S TV COMEBACK— SEE PAGES 8 AND 9

ROYALS RETURN

OUR WRITER ON

FROM bitching about bridesmaid frocks with the Princess of Wales to telling Vinnie Jones where to stick his sawn-off 12-bore shotgun — Meghan Markle has certainly come a long way.

If, as strong rumour suggests, Meghan is set to star in the third series of Guy Ritchie's Netflix gangster soap The Gentlemen when her family relocates to Blighty, then it will certainly be the starriest role of a patchy acting career.

But it **STILL** would not explain full reverse Megxit.

As Oprah herself might say – **WHAAAT?**

They say that blood is thicker than water but perhaps there is nothing on this planet quite as thick as Prince Harry.

Because I can't help wondering if Harry has **REALLY** thought through the full implications of his family's unexpected return to this country.

When Harry and his estranged big brother William last appeared in public together – at the coronation of King Charles III in May 2023 – I could imagine only one occasion when the brothers would ever again have to endure each other's company. At their father's funeral.

William and Harry are the monarchy's answer to Michael and Fredo Corleone.

But with Harry and Meghan and their children moving back to this country, the royal social calendar is suddenly transformed.

What on earth will Christmas look like?

The Royal Family traditionally spend Yuletide at Sandringham House, the King's country estate in Norfolk. Are Meghan and Kate, Princess of Wales, **REALLY** going to be pulling crackers in just over four months?

Will William **REALLY** be chuckling good-naturedly as he helps Harry cover his bald patch with a paper hat? Will the years of bad blood and bitter revelations and tell-all, dung-dishing interviews have a discreet veil drawn over them in the interests of family harmony?

William and Harry seemed to be bitterly – and permanently – estranged. Is that meant to change now? Will it change again when William eventually ascends to the throne? Our future King William V does not look like a man who can be forced into a reconciliation of convenience he does not desire – no matter what his father may wish.

And how can the Royal Family **EVER** trust those blabbermouths Harry and Meghan to not leak family secrets to their loyal flunkies?

After years of vicious accusations, why would Kate even want to be in the same room as Meghan?

Who knows?

Not Harry, that's for sure.

I have seen it suggested Harry could say sorry. Best not hold our collective breath. In the years since Megxit, Harry has revealed a stunning lack of self-awareness. He – and Meghan – have acted as if they can say whatever they like and suffer no consequences.

But there **ARE** consequences for all the ordure they have heaped on the Royal Family. You see it in polls revealing their popularity with the British public. Harry polls low, but only disgraced Uncle Andy polls lower than Meghan.

And now they're coming home, they're coming home – the whining runaway royals are coming home. Are we **REALLY** meant to forget the years of abuse they have inflicted on the Royal Family? How can we?

It began with the "racist" revelations in the Oprah Winfrey interview in 2021, when Meghan accused members of the Royal Family of having conversations about what colour skin their baby might have.

Then there were the lurid tales of brotherly strife that Harry revealed in his autobiography Spare, reporting William "grabbed me by the collar, ripping my necklace and . . . knocked me to the floor" during a confrontation in 2019.

And the Netflix series when Meghan described her first meeting with Kate as "jarring". "I'm a hugger," she gushed. "I didn't know that could be jarring for Brits."

Poor Meghan! The warm-hearted American sweetheart suddenly surrounded all those cold fish Brits!

The attacks have been relentless.

In 2023, Harry told ITV's Tom Bradby that William and Kate stereotyped Meghan as "American actress, divorced, biracial".

Harry and Meghan have constantly complained that Meghan's treatment in this country was at best snobbish and, at worst, openly racist. They talked as if they would be happy to never see the Royal Family – or this country – again.

Whatever happened to turning their back on Blighty, home of the "racist" Royal Family and the "evil" British press?

Whatever happened to Harry and Meghan "finding freedom"?

Does the Duke of Sussex **REALLY** believe that all is forgotten – and forgiven?

Then he is dumber than he looks.

America has perhaps not been the unalloyed paradise that Harry and Meghan were optimistically expecting. They have pimped their royal revelations about as far as the market can stand.

As they say in Tinsel Town – these suckers have peaked. Their career now seems to be pivoting towards pseudo-royal tours.

They have already enjoyed high-profile visits to Nigeria, Colombia and Australia.

But nobody saw full reverse Megxit coming.

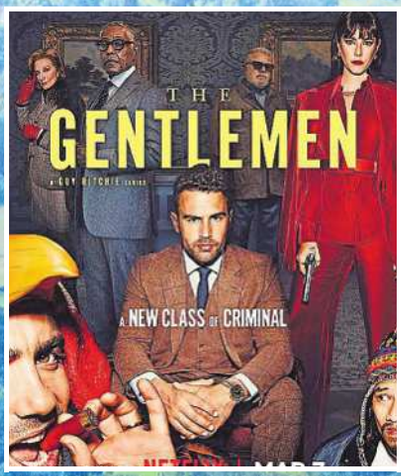
I would have bet that Meghan would never set foot in this country again. And yes, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex will maintain their homes in California and Portugal. And yes, there will always be a private jet waiting to whisk them to the next charity event, awards ceremony or climate conference.

But their children, Archie, seven, and Lilibet, five, are to be educated here when school starts in September. And nothing ties you to a place like the tyranny of the school year. So commuting from California is not an option.

And we want Harry and his family to be safe and secure in the United Kingdom. Of course we do.

But does that mean that the British taxpayer is responsible for funding the safety and security of these fabulously wealthy private citizens and their children?

Whatever happened to the "financial independence" we were prom-



Hit . . Meghan is rumoured to be joining cast

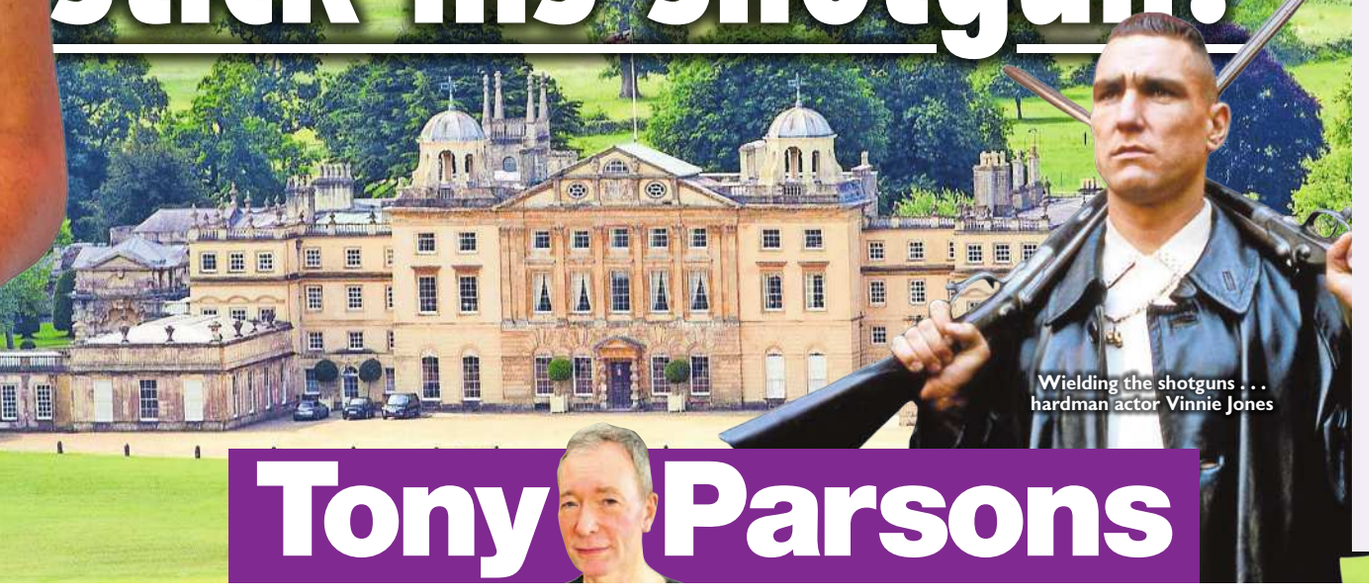
Batty . . . Vinnie on set of The Gentlemen

Eyes set on a royal . . . director Guy Ritchie

Comeback . . Duchess and Badminton House where series is filmed

MEG'S BIG TV COMEBACK

'Did they really reverse Megxit so she could tell Vinnie where to stick his shotgun?'



Wielding the shotguns . . . hardman actor Vinnie Jones

Tony Parsons

ised Megxit would bring? Harry and Meghan have an estimated net worth of £45million.

But on Friday afternoon Harry and his fellow celebrity claimants were presented with the first bill for legal costs due after their failed lawsuit against the publishers of the Daily Mail – at £9.5million.

And that is just an upfront payment. The final figure will be considerably higher because the Mail publishers won an emphatic victory – and have costs of over £34million.

So flash Harry is perhaps not quite as flush as he used to be.

And I wonder – why the hell should we be expected to bankroll a man who wants to annihilate one of our nation's greatest institutions – our free Press?

We are told that Harry and Meghan will **NOT** be resuming life as "working royals".

We are told they will not be "half-in, half-out royals".

But this is a load of Horlicks.

Because "half-in, half-out royals" is surely **EXACTLY** what Harry and Meghan are.

Because every move they make – from flogging jam to tell-all interviews with Oprah – is totally predicated on their royal connection. I suggest that "half-in, half-out" royals is their job description. And their major selling point. Because without the royal connection, who are they? What are they? A former Suits actress and her old Etonian.

Without the royal connection, the world would not care.

Yet Harry and Meghan have done nothing but spit poison at the Royal Family for years.

And it is the rudeness, the nastiness, the brazen lack of gratitude, grace and basic good manners that is so hard to stomach. And now they are moving back. This pair have more front than Selfridges.

But – welcome home, Harry. Because I can still vividly recall Harry and Meghan's wedding day in Windsor on a dazzling spring day in 2018.

The atmosphere among the crowds was unforgettable.

I have never felt such an outpouring of love. It was truly extraordinary. The country was deliriously happy for them – Diana's youngest boy and his beautiful, glamorous bride.

The fact Meghan was of mixed race made it feel like a big day – and a great day – for the Royal Family, the country and the human race. Harry and Meghan stupidly squandered all of that goodwill.

But there remains a deep well of affection for Harry.

There always will be.

Because the memory of the broken-hearted 12-year-old boy who walked with his 15-year-old brother behind his mother's coffin in 1997 is forever seared into our national consciousness.

Despite Harry's always tasteless and sometimes disgusting indiscretions, many British people will be always happy to see him.

But I don't know about his big brother.

MP raps 'plea for security' by Harry

By AMIR RAZAVI

PRINCE Harry has been slammed by a former minister for contacting the Home Secretary about his security arrangements.

Former Home Office junior minister Mike Tapp hit out yesterday after a newspaper reported that Harry had been in touch with Shabana Mahmood "pleading for answers".

The Duke of Sussex wants to know whether he and his family will receive police protection when they move back to the UK by the end of the month.

The outcome of a review ordered by the Royal and VIP Executive Committee (RAVEC) has not been shared with Harry – who lost a legal battle with the Home Office last year – despite it being carried out last month.

The Telegraph reported Harry contacted Ms Mahmood saying that he felt "numbed" by his long-running battle to get protection for his family.

Contact . . . Mahmood

The paper also said that he and Meghan's short-notice decision to return was due to the sudden availability of places at a school where their children, Archie and Lilibet, had been on a waiting list.

Dover and Deal MP Mr Tapp said: "Decisions about protective security should be based on a clear-eyed assessment of the threat they face. I don't presume to know what the outcome should be for Prince Harry.

"But having worked in national security, I strongly believe the only relevant consideration should be the assessed level of threat.

"Professionals should be allowed to reach that decision independently."

A Sunday Times poll by YouGov, meanwhile, found 51 per cent of people oppose the Sussexes returning as full-time working royals. And 56 per cent believe the couple should fund their own security.

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ENDER COMFORTED ON DIVORCE

As Zoe . . . Michelle

Zoe end 'dullest in history of Walford'

By HANNAH HOPE

EASTENDERS character Zoe Slater is about to be killed off in one of the "blandest" deaths in the BBC soap's history.

Actress Michelle Ryan, who plays Zoe, was axed just a year after her long-awaited comeback.

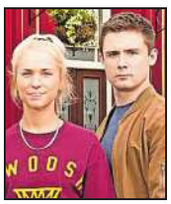
The 42-year-old has already filmed her final scenes, which have been described as "dull".

In the coming weeks viewers will see Zoe brush off the effects of a fall in which she bangs her head. She is found dead in bed the next day by her mum Kat.

A source said: "It looks as if her death is going to be as flat and as lack-lustre as her comeback.

"Many will feel her death is rushed and dull – and in a show known for its sensational exits, Zoe's will go down as one of the blandest."

An EastEnders spokeswoman said: "We won't be commenting on storylines so as to not spoil it for our viewers."



Maddy . . . and Danny

Kids duo back for Kellie exit

EXCLUSIVE by HANNAH HOPE

DANNY Hatchard and Maddy Hill are set to return to EastEnders.

The pair's shock comeback will see them show up for Kellie Bright's exit scenes after she quit.

Kellie's character Linda Carter will be reunited with her kids Lee, played by Danny, and Nancy, played by Maddy.

A source said: "Linda Carter is in for a shock later this year when Nancy and Lee return."

Danny, 35, who is back after two years, said: "I'm proper buzzing to be back grafting with the Enders family."

Maddy, 36, said: "I am so excited to be returning for a short stint."

Pal . . . Mazz. With Shane & Grace Kennedy in Boogie Nights, left

Over . . . Christie, left, and Shane split after 19 years of marriage

Picture: CLICK NEWS AND MEDIA

SHANE'S BOOGIE BESTIE

Support from pal 'Mazz'

Co-starred in dance show

EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN MOYES, RACHEL DALE & HANNAH HOPE

EASTENDERS actor Shane Richie is being comforted over his marriage split by soap and musicals co-star Marianne "Mazz" Murray.

Friends say his long-time pal, who appeared with the 62-year-old in Boogie Nights – The Musical, has "kept the smile on his face" during his break-up from wife Christie.

We told last week how Shane and Christie's 19-year marriage had ended after she grew "fed up" with his behaviour.

Their divorce is understood to have been finalised on July 23, six days before he was arrested for drink-driving after a rant at a petrol station in Harlow, Essex.

Amid the turmoil, Shane's close relationship with singer and actress Mazz, 51, is said to have "put a spring back in his step".

A source said: "Shane and Mazz have always got on like a house on fire and in recent months, as his marriage crumbled, Shane's found himself buoyed by their friendship.

"She's had a painful split of her own so the pair have found solace sharing their experiences.

"They make each other laugh, trust and like each other so it's no surprise they've grown closer.

"It's early days, but Shane and Mazz have a spark, and friends are looking forward to seeing where their relationship goes."

Shane, who has three children with Christie, 47, was accused of cheating during their marriage, as he admitted doing with his first wife, singer Coleen Nolan.

His first EastEnders appearance as loveable rogue Alfie Moon was in 2002 and the character returned after three years away in 2022.

Mazz made two appearances in July as Joel Marshall's mum.

She was also in one 2017 episode as a character called "Julie" and in two in 2004 as "Miranda", who briefly flirted with Shane's Alfie.

She also joined Shane in 1999 in Boogie Nights – The Musical for the final leg of its UK tour.

Mazz is known for playing Donna Sheridan in the West End production of Mamma Mia! and the Killer Queen in the Queen musical We Will Rock You.

She married in 2009 and Queen legend Brian May performed at the wedding. She had two sons with husband Oren Harush.

Christie, meanwhile, has been throwing herself into health and fitness. A source said: "She wants to step into her new single era looking the best she's ever looked."

Asked at the Surrey home she still shares with Shane if they had divorced, she answered: "Yes."

The Sun on Sunday approached Shane and Mazz for comment.

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L-TEST WAIT 'JOB BLOCK FOR U24s'

YOUNG Britons cannot get jobs because of a 21-week wait to take a driving test, a report warns.

Many are unable to land a position because they need to drive to get there, or do the role itself, a think tank found.

There is growing concern over the UK's one million 18 to 24-year-old Neets – not in employment, education or training.

Daniel Lilley, of The Centre for Social Justice, said lack of driving tests was a removable roadblock to young people finding work.

By KATE FERGUSON

He said the system had been swamped since Covid and will keep young people out of employment "unless we find new solutions".

The CSJ wants more regional driving test hubs to be set up, and says spare test slots should be given to further eduction colleges and small businesses.

Crucial skill . . . learner

The Department for Transport said the number of tests was at a record high last month with a "median" average waiting time of 11.1 weeks.

It said more tests were continuing to be laid on with almost 305,000 extra examinations taken since June last year.

The Sun on Sunday Says: P14

NEW CLASH

VETERANS' SNUB FEARS

EXCLUSIVE by HANNAH HOPE

STRICTLY'S older pro dancers have been left concerned they will not be given celebrity partners after the show welcomed five new cast members.

The fresh faces were announced after a huge cull of long-standing professionals earlier this year.

And there have been some worried conversations behind the scenes after rehearsals for the upcoming BBC One series kicked off in London this month.

A source said: "It's tense at rehearsals and some of the older cast members of the pro dance troupe are worried that they won't get their opportunity to shine this year.

"It's more competitive and cut-throat than ever.

"Like always, there are more dancers than celebrities again, so not everyone will get a partner. Plus, viewers are keen to get to know the new dancers, especially as change is the theme of the new-look show this year."

Last year, both new dancers Alexis Warr and Julian Caillon were granted celebrity partners by Strictly bosses.

The BBC last month unveiled new dancers Aleksandra Isaeva, 22, Cristian Priori, 34, Lethabo Monametsi, 23, Maddie Ingoldsby, 21, and Mark Karmalita, 22, for the show.

They will replace Karen Hauer, 44, Nadiya Bychkova, 36, Gorka Marquez, 35, Luba Mushtuk, 36, and Michelle Tsiakkas, 30.

Some long-standing members such as Katya Jones, 37, remain in the Strictly cast.

A Strictly source added: "The celebrity pairings will be made up of old and new pro dancers."

Decade on the show . . Katya Jones

New movers . . . Johannes, Josh and Emma will perform opening number

HOSTS' DANCE

STRICTLY'S new hosts Emma Willis, Josh Widdicombe and Johannes Radebe will dance in the opening show.

The trio, who have replaced long-running presenters Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman, will make their debut next month.

They have been busy rehearsing with the professional dancers in a London studio. A source said: "They're working really hard on an opening number that will blow everyone's socks off.

"Traditionally the presenters haven't danced, but since Johannes is a pro Emma and Josh are keen to learn.

"They're all excited and can't wait. This year's series is going to be Strictly 2.0 and bosses are desperate for it to go well."

EXCLUSIVE By HANNAH HOPE

IN STRICTLY BULLY ROW

GIO IS A MONSTER

Amanda blast over book digs

Anger after Nazi salute claim

EXCLUSIVE by HANNAH HOPE

ACTRESS Amanda Abbington has branded ex-Strictly dance partner Giovanni Pernice "a monster" as she hits back at claims he has made in his new book.

Giovanni, 35, alleges in his memoir, published yesterday, that she did a Nazi salute in front of him.

He also wrote he was left suicidal by the bullying row with Amanda on the 2023 series of the BBC1 show.

One of her pals said: "Amanda will forever regard Giovanni as a monster. She stands by her allegations – she's not the only one who was a victim of his behaviour."

Last night Sherlock star Amanda, 54, told The Sun On Sunday: "It's sad, though not surprising, that Giovanni is continuing down this route.

"He took part in the BBC investigation that made findings against him, following which the channel paid me compensation.

"He is grossly mischaracterising what happened to suit his own narrative, but I have no interest in engaging with that. My focus is on moving forward."

The Sun On Sunday revealed last week the BBC paid her a five-figure out-of-court settlement after her legal complaint over alleged mistreatment by Giovanni.

The BBC upheld some of her claims and apologised to her after a five-month inquiry.

Writing in his new book – Gio: Taking the Lead – Italian pro dancer Giovanni criticised the BBC for casting Amanda.

He said: "On many reality TV shows, participants are given psychological assessments. But to my knowledge, none was carried out on the Strictly celebrity contestants.

"This is a big mistake by the BBC and it puts the celebrities and the pro dancers at risk. I think the Corporation failed us.

"Before joining Strictly, Amanda had openly spoken about having struggled with her mental health.

"Why weren't there processes in place to check whether she could still be fragile?"

Amanda's pal said: "It's laughable Giovanni is trying to question Amanda's mental health because she stood up against his bullying."

Cameras were put in the rehearsal room after Amanda raised concerns by day three of training.

She was later diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

The BBC report upheld that Giovanni's language and tone were "belittling, dismissive and insulting".

Amanda claimed he made lewd comments when he was pleased with her dancing. She said: "He said, 'You're a 51-year-old menopausal woman but I'd still f*** you'."

She added Giovanni would grab his crotch when she danced well and say she'd given him an erection.

The BBC upheld that Giovanni showed or gestured towards his groin but did not make any finding about his alleged comments.

It is understood Giovanni denied any remark about an erection.

He also says in the book he felt betrayed by Strictly co-stars who he thought were his close pals.

He said: "There was a deafening silence from many of my 'friends', especially my Strictly 'family'.

"In my darkest days, there was no 'family'. With the exception of the judges, it felt they all turned their backs and looked the other way."

He said of being axed in 2024: "I think the Amanda situation was convenient and some people on the team were happy to see me go.

"I believe I became too big for Strictly. They couldn't fire me because I was too popular with viewers, so they rode the wave of the official complaint.

"There are still people on Strictly whose behaviour is far worse.

"One choreographer has been bullying, screaming at all the pro dancers, for years. Others drink before the live show."

Giovanni said he gained almost 2st and was diagnosed with a heart condition linked to stress amid the row, adding: "My state of mind was so bad I was slipping into paranoia."

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She stands by her allegations – she's not the only one who was a victim of Gio's behaviour – PAL OF AMANDA

Before the storm . . . Giovanni and Amanda on the show in 2023

AMANDA'S STATEMENT

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LORD Jim O'Neill is not some remote economist who lives in an ivory tower.

He was educated at a comprehensive school and got a degree from Sheffield University.

What's more he is a native Mancunian who has backed Andy Burnham's devolution plans. So when he talks the PM should listen.

Because the advice is coming from someone who understands his plans for Britain. And it could not be more straightforward.

Expert . . . Lord O'Neill

Listen to voice of common sense, PM

Don't bring in a wealth tax. Cut welfare spending. Encourage business enterprise.

On our staggering £3trillion debt Lord O'Neill is crystal clear: "If the country wants to have better longer term growth performances we have got to deal with those things."

It is not rocket science.

But the Left-wing Labour backbenchers who sabotaged Sir Keir Starmer's attempts at welfare reform will fight it in every way possible. As Mr Burnham puts together his first budget he must remain firmly committed to curbing public sector waste.

After another week of economic gloom in which it was revealed that we spend £1billion a **DAY** on welfare, he must find ways of bringing this obscene splurge under control.

Any other path would not only lead to the economics of the madhouse.

It would also cripple Britain for good.

The drive to succeed

IF YOU want an example of how Covid chaos is still throttling our economy, then look no further than the ludicrous waiting time for driving tests.

In 2020, learners waited just over a month for a test slot. Six years later it has ballooned to a grotesque **21 WEEKS**.

The consequences of this mess are enormous for jobs, growth and the generation of Neets who cannot get work.

Unsurprisingly the delays have had a devastating effect on the number of young people who can actually get a booking and pass their tests.

The proportion of 17 to 20-year-olds holding a full car driving licence in England has almost halved in 30 years.

How the hell will that help almost a million young people get into a workplace where two in three jobs such as plumbing require a driving licence?

Successive governments have done nothing to clear this backlog.

Andy Burnham says he wants to make a difference to people's lives.

The PM should start by making this crisis a top priority.

the SUNDAY ISSUE | EXPERT WARNS PM AGAINST PLEASING HIS PARTY FAITHFUL ON THE ECONOMY

Make the right choice or the market will do it for you, Mr Burnham

WATCH what he does, don't just listen to what he says.

That will be the lesson of the next few months as Andy Burnham unveils his Government's economic plans.

In September, he will give his first speech as Prime Minister to the Labour Party Conference. Then in late October Chancellor John Healey delivers the Budget.

Britain needs to make a clear choice about the direction of economic policy. The stakes are high.

The economy grew solidly in the first half of the year, helped by AI boosting productivity. But confidence is low. Energy and business costs are high, living standards are being squeezed and people fear taxes will rise.

Last week borrowing rates rose across the globe. It's not just governments that are borrowing heavily. Now the AI boom is leading big tech firms to borrow to finance their plans. This is pushing borrowing rates higher for everyone.

Britain is particularly exposed. Inflation remains persistent. And international investors are concerned about public spending and whether Burnham and Healey can make their fiscal sums add up.

There are two UK policy paths ahead. The danger is that Burnham takes us down the one his party faithful want to hear, rather than the one the economy needs.

That means a bigger state. More public spending. And ultimately higher taxes or more borrowing.

Burnham talks of reversing Thatcherism. Yet much of what Thatcher achieved on the public finances has already been reversed.

Public spending was just under 40 per cent of GDP when she left office. Britain was also seen as open for business, with policy aimed at incentivising the private sector.

Today public spending is 45 per cent of GDP and rising. Spending is around £1.4trillion. National debt is £2.99trillion, up £96billion over the last year.

By **GERARD LYONS**
Economist

We now spend almost as much on welfare as we collect in income tax. Welfare provides an essential safety net. But it needs to be better targeted and brought under control.

More than half of households get more back from the state than they pay in taxes. And this isn't just about pensioners. Among non-retired households the figure is 46 per cent.

Two other big themes of Burnham's agenda are investment and devolution. Both have attractions but neither ensures success.

Make sums add up

Britain has invested too little for decades. But investment is not automatically productive. What matters is what you invest in, what it costs and what return it produces. HS2 should be warning enough.

Likewise devolution. Taking decisions closer to the people they affect makes sense. But greater power should come with financial responsibility. Otherwise taxpayers nationally pick up the bill when things go wrong.

All of this has to be paid for in the Budget. Last year's Budget rebuilt the fiscal buffer to £21.7billion. This is the shock absorber that still allows the fiscal rules to be met.

It has since fallen below £10billion. This Budget needs to rebuild the buffer while finding extra money for welfare, investment and defence.

There are only so many ways to make the sums add up. Faster growth is the best. But that's not guaranteed. Without it, the choices are public sector reform, spending restraint, higher taxes or more borrowing.

Public sector reform is difficult and takes time. Spending restraint is clearly not planned. Borrowing is already high.

That leaves more taxes. But the tax take is already at an all-time high. The lessons from abroad are that wealth taxes don't work and end up hitting the middle class. The housing market is stagnating as property is already heavily taxed.

Incentives matter. Bond markets won't be fooled by tax increases that deliver little revenue or hit future growth.

There is another path.

Don't make things worse by spending more public money we don't have. If markets lose confidence the consequences could be a weaker pound, rising interest rates and higher borrowing costs, hitting business hard.

Remove barriers to growth that don't cost money. Ease unnecessary regulation on small and medium-sized firms and reform planning.

Cutting energy costs is critical while delivering the green agenda, but it requires investment.

Above all, put the public finances on a sounder footing. Control spending and reform welfare.

And mobilise private capital. Banks are awash with capital and liquidity. The City should do more to channel this into infrastructure and productive investment rather than assuming every ambition requires Government spending.

Burnham has political capital. He can use it to expand the state further or confront the structural problems holding Britain back.

One path means more spending, higher taxes and a bigger state. The other means fiscal discipline, reform and creating the conditions for the private economy to grow.

If Burnham's Government is unwilling to make that choice, the markets will ultimately make it for him.

Mock-up . . . a UFO

Jet pilot ducked as UFO shot past

EXCLUSIVE
by STEPHEN MOYES

AN Airbus pilot ducked in panic when the plane came within metres of a dark UFO at 6,500ft, a report has revealed.

The A320 was making its descent into Heathrow on June 1 when the object whizzed past the left of the flight deck.

The UK Airprox Board said the collision risk was high in the near-miss over Stamford Hill in North East London.

The report said the sighting caused the captain to involuntarily "duck [due to its proximity]". The co-pilot saw only a "black streak", it added.

Neither saw "detail within the object". The board said it could not determine the "nature of the unknown object" but called it a "drone report".

In February, an RAF Voyager tanker pilot also ducked when a "black circular object" shot past around 125ft away.

The Voyager was refuelling a Typhoon whose pilot also noticed it while 16,000ft over Norfolk.

JOY OF PETS

CHICKENS really do have a pecking order – and that's where the term originates. There is always one – often female – that is top of the roost.

Kid, 7, left on peak

A DAD abandoned his seven-year-old son when he fell behind while climbing Mount Fuji.

They got to the Japanese mountain's sixth station 2,000m up at 4.30am when the boy said he was too tired to go on.

His dad said "wait here" then continued heading to the top – which takes another five hours.

A mountain hut worker found the lad three hours later and called police.

The dad – tracked down three hours up the trail – admitted he "made a rash decision".

Police told him: "Even if it means having to give up on climbing the mountain together, leaving a child behind is unacceptable."

JOY OF PETS

GIANT African Land Snails not only love eating cucumber, but also have more than 25,000 hook-like teeth to noisily munch on the salad favourite.

'BARBARIC' MALL HIT

UKRAINE launched revenge strikes yesterday after a Russian drone blitz on a shopping centre killed at least 16 people.

There were a further 130 injured, including 25 children.

Two youngsters were among nine people still missing yesterday after drones hit the mall in President Volodymyr Zelensky's home city, Kryvyi Rih. He called Friday's attack "barbarism".

Ukraine hit back, with drones setting ablaze Russian online retailer Ozon's massive hub in Chapayevsk. Officials declared a state of emergency and reported several casualties.

The nearby Novokuibyshevsk oil refinery was also blitzed.

Russia yesterday attacked postal hubs in Kyiv and railways.

By NICK PARKER, Foreign Editor

MP IS 'TRUMP AIDE' SOURCE

LAMMY GAVE PM FAKER'S NUMBER

DAVID Lammy gave the PM the number of the fraudster pretending to be Donald Trump's chief of staff, we can reveal.

Andy Burnham swapped several messages with someone posing as Susie Wiles before he realised the mistake.

It was a major gaffe by the new No10 regime, and the British embassy had to admit the blunder to the White House.

Gaffe . . ex Deputy PM

EXCLUSIVE
by KATE FERGUSON

Mr Lammy – sacked as Deputy PM by Mr Burnham when he took power in July – gave him the number, believing it to be genuine.

It suggests it was the PM who made the first contact.

A source said: "David Lammy thought he was currying favour with the new PM by getting them the number of one of the most powerful people in Washington. But it turned out to be wrong and the whole thing turned into a massive headache for the PM.

"It is a serious embarrassment for David."

When he was deputy to PM Sir Keir Starmer, ex-Foreign Secretary Mr Lammy boasted of his close ties with the Trump administration.

The Labour MP made much of his friendship with Vice President JD Vance – even taking him fishing at his then grace-and-favour home of Chevening House in Kent.

No10 said only a handful of messages were exchanged and they contained nothing significant. The PM denied he was embarrassed by the gaffe.

He said: "All politicians are receiving these pressures, but I did everything right."

Ms Wiles is one of President Trump's most trusted and senior aides. Her phone was hacked in May last year, sparking an FBI probe.

The White House said the latest incident had "nothing to do" with the hacking.

Mr Lammy's team said it was not appropriate to comment. No10 did not comment.

I'VE GOT A TUBE LINE IN CLOTHING

Quiz jumper . . . Emily

A MASTERMIND contestant whose topic was London Tube seat fabrics wore a themed jumper she'd made.

By ELEANOR GUNN

Emily Medhurst, a health policy researcher, wowed fans with her moquettes knowledge.

Moquette is the thick, heavy-duty woven fabric used to upholster seats. But it was her choice of clothing which caught most people's eyes. Emily said: "As a keen knitter, my priority was to design and knit a vest to wear.

"Obviously, I had to make a moquette-inspired vest, so I chose the recoloured Overground moquette as my pattern of choice." She scored eight points in two minutes of questions on the topic. She also scored eight for general knowledge, finishing third overall. Emily said: "Did you know, the updated colours take inspiration from the views seen from the overground?

"The yellow flecks represent marigolds that line the tracks and the green colours the leafy suburbs the overground goes through."

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AFTER THAT SOLELESS EXPERIENCE...A QUIZ

1 Pretty Woman looks, well, pretty ridiculous in this spangly pair

2 Former PM's killer heels were killing us all . . . with laughter

3 Bootylicous pop queen is more footylicious in fringed stilettos

4 Go figure what led to Inception of French star's crazy heels. Us neither

5 Singer will be Dancing On Her Own in these chunky boots

6 Louboutins are a paw effort, but actor will Carrie on regardless

Shoe are ya?

BIT of a shoedunit, this, as we ask you to identify the celebrity culprits behind these crimes against footwear.

The Dog Stars actress Margaret Qualley looked a lost sole as she stepped out in £2,200 Chanel sandals with, er, no soles, for the London premiere of the dystopian sci-fi flick. But as social media users race to take the mick with, DIY alternatives crafted out of facemasks, cardboard, and string, US star Margaret, *inset*, is far from the first celebrity to have got off on the wrong footwear.

So, now pair our gallery of foot foolery with the faces below . . .

7 What the shell! Normal People would surely not wear these. Or might one?

8 Leading lady served a fault with these at premiere for tennis flick Challengers

9 Poker Face she may be but 'meat' shoes are just very in your face

10 Claw blimey, Doctor Strange actress looks strange, indeed, in this scary design

11 For Spice Girls star who rarely smiles, these crazy Crocs are oddly cheery

12 She got caught in a stamp duty storm and is not faring much better on stomp duty

ANSWERS

1 = H, Julia Roberts; 2 = K, Theresa May; 3 = A, Beyonce; 4 = E, Marion Cotillard; 5 = L, Robyn; 6 = C, Sarah Jessica Parker; 7 = I, Daisy Edgar-Jones; 8 = B, Zendaya; 9 = J, Lady Gaga; 10 = F, Tilda Swinton; 11 = G, Victoria Beckham; 12 = D, Angela Rayner.

Slump . . . scrumpy

Cider set to dry up after hot summer

By ALEX WEST

CIDER stocks are drying up after the extreme summer weather shrivelled apples.

Producers say crops have been smaller and lighter after weeks of hot, dry conditions.

Alison McIlwraith, who owns a cider farm in Okehampton, Devon, said she expects to produce only a tenth of the cider she made in 2025.

But she said there would still be "plenty" for the rest of the season as last year's apple crop was very heavy.

She said: "That's the nature of apple growing. You tend to have a good year, then a lighter year."

Lorraine O'Connor, director of a farm in Redruth, Cornwall, said apples had been falling early, resulting in a smaller yield this year.

More than half of England was declared to be in drought last month after what is likely to be Britain's hottest summer on record.

JOY OF PETS

SNAKES and monitor lizards flick their tongue to "taste" the air. It collects scent particles which they pull to a smell organ inside their mouth.

40 years to pay for a home

TWO in three homeowners under 30 have signed up to mortgages lasting 30 to 40 years.

They will not be free of repayments until they are, on average, aged 59, research has found.

For those aged 30 to 39, 42 per cent have a 30 to 40-year deal compared to 6 per cent of over 40s.

Mortgage overpayment app Sprive analysed the mortgages of 190,000 Brits. It said longer terms were the price many younger buyers pay to get on the property ladder.

Architectural assistant Jeremy Cohen, 29, of St Albans, Herts, said he and his partner could only afford a 35-year deal. He said: "I'll be 64 by the time we've paid it.

"It's a real weight around our necks."

Picture: MJ-PICTURES

On a stroll . . . Paddy and Emma out in Covent Garden

TAKE EM OUT PADDY

EXCLUSIVE by EMILY WEBBER

RELAXED Paddy McGuinness goes for a shorts walk with his new girlfriend Emma Carey.

The Take Me Out presenter, 53, stared ahead, hands in pockets, as animated Emma chatted away.

He and his BBC Radio 2 publicist later bumped into Josie Gibson in London's Covent Garden.

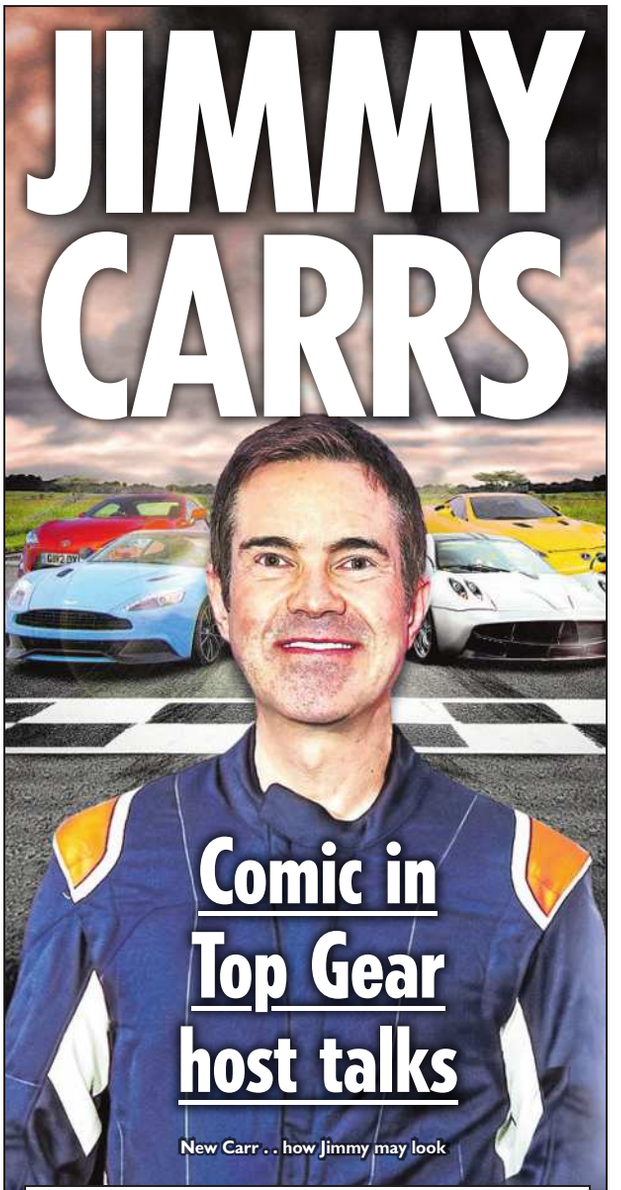
Paddy, who got divorced in 2024, introduced Emma to his "work wife" Josie with who he hosted ITV's This Morning as temporary summer cover.

Ex-Big Brother winner Josie was overheard to say: "I'm so glad I finally got to meet you."

Giggles . . . Paddy & Emma with, left, Josie

EXCLUSIVE

JIMMY CARRS



Comic in Top Gear host talks

New Carr . . how Jimmy may look

COMEDIAN Jimmy Carr is in talks to host a Top Gear reboot — four years after it was shelved due to Freddie Flintoff's horror crash.

BBC Studios bosses are close to signing the 53-year-old petrolhead to be the first star of a new line-up.

It has already started work on the show, which could be aired next year – half a century after it launched in 1977.

A source said: "Production have their sights set on Jimmy, he's the ideal host to take the show into a new era and revive Top Gear. He's keen to work on something mainstream after spending so many years fronting comedy panel shows.

"He's a real car buff, too, so it would be a passion project.

"Casting directors are now working to find talent to join him in the new-look ensemble.

"Bosses are considering a woman and online celebrities to complement Jimmy."

The line-up would replace Paddy McGuinness, Chris Harris and ex-England cricketer Andrew "Freddie" Flintoff – who suffered life-changing injuries in the 2022 crash.

Jimmy was a guest on Top Gear in 2004 – and at the time recorded the fastest lap on the celebrity leaderboard.

He previously said: "It's one of the biggest shows in the world. It's a global phenomenon." His car collection has included a custom-built Electrogenic Aston Martin DB6, and a Bentley Continental GT.

By HANNAH HOPE

Jimmy has said: "I love classic cars, but go electric. That's the way forward."

Jeremy Clarkson's telly break came when he joined Top Gear as a co-host in 1988.

He later oversaw its golden era from 2002 to 2015, with co-presenters Richard Hammond and James May.

At its peak on BBC2, Top Gear had 7.5 million viewers and spawned multiple books, DVDs and a tour.

BBC Studios said: "We have no update on the TV show and don't comment on speculation."

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MAYA'S KK MAKKEOVER

SHE HIRES KARDASHIAN STYLIST: PAGES 32 & 33

VIOLENCE ADDICT KIDS ON THE RISE

MOST referrals to the Government's anti-terror scheme for an obsession with extreme violence are for children, figures show.

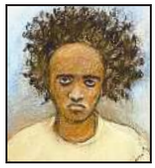
Rising numbers of kids are now fascinated by bloodshed and mass-casualty attacks.

Home Office data shows 566 of the 818 referrals to Prevent for violent obsessions in England and Wales involved under-18s, equivalent to almost 70 per cent. Shockingly, 31 kids aged ten or younger were referred to the programme.

EXCLUSIVE by JULIA ATHERLEY

And youngsters made up an even greater proportion of cases serious enough to be considered for support, with 72 per cent in this category involving children.

But the case of Southport killer Axel Rudakubana, referred to Prevent three times, was closed because he had no clear extremist ideology.



Killer . . . Rudakubana

A recent report found that two-thirds of kids referred to Prevent in all categories are sent back to schools.

Children's Commissioner Dame Rachel de Souza said: "Simply returning children, without a clear understanding of what is driving their behaviour or who will be responsible for meeting their needs, risks missing opportunities to provide support."

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CIPRIANI BRIDE

HAPPY COUPLE . . . Danny and AnnaLynne at a pre-wedding family dinner in West Hollywood on Wednesday

'I was told I was despicable ...people actually gave $10 towards the wedding so they could write on the site that Danny and I were disgusting'

EXCLUSIVE from
SCARLET HOWES
US Editor in Los Angeles

THE fiancée of former England rugby ace Danny Cipriani has revealed how the couple received death threats after asking guests to help fund their wedding.

American TV actress AnnaLynne McCord spoke for the first time about the backlash in an exclusive interview with The Sun on Sunday, ahead of their marriage yesterday.

The couple used a US site called Honeyfund – an online cash and honeymoon "registry platform" – to crowdfund specific amounts for items like flowers, catering, music and a cake for their big day.

The public site also requested cash donations of any amount from $10 (£7) to $5,000 (£3,600) towards their "dream wedding and honeymoon experience".

Speaking from a hotel in Hollywood, AnnaLynne said: "I was told I was despicable – and that I was trying to extort money from my wedding guests.

"People actually donated ten dollars towards the wedding so they could write on the site that Danny and I were disgusting.

"There were even death threats."

'I have five blenders'

The human rights advocate, 39, explained that she created the page in lieu of gifts – and that she had thought it was a private link which only guests could see.

She said: "Everyone was asking what they could give us.

"I was like, I have five blenders. I have everything for my home.

I'm getting married at 39. I don't need another item. I am very blessed."

"We wrote on the wedding invite that in lieu of gifts we would love to feel our guests' contributions in the flowers, music and photography on our big day.

"I didn't know that it was an open link until a co-star at work asked me: 'Are you crowdfunding for your wedding?'"

Days Of Our Lives star AnnaLynne and former fly-half Danny – who played for England 16 times – will tie the knot in an intimate ceremony in their back garden. The couple are also planning two more weddings, one in London and another in Cambodia.

AnnaLynne said: "We have this lovely little garden in the backyard, so we were, like, let's do it there.

"It was short notice so only a few people can come over from Danny's side, so we are going to end up doing a London wedding.

"It will, of course, be an intimate thing again but I want to make sure I get to experience his world. We are also going to do a traditional celebration in Cambodia.

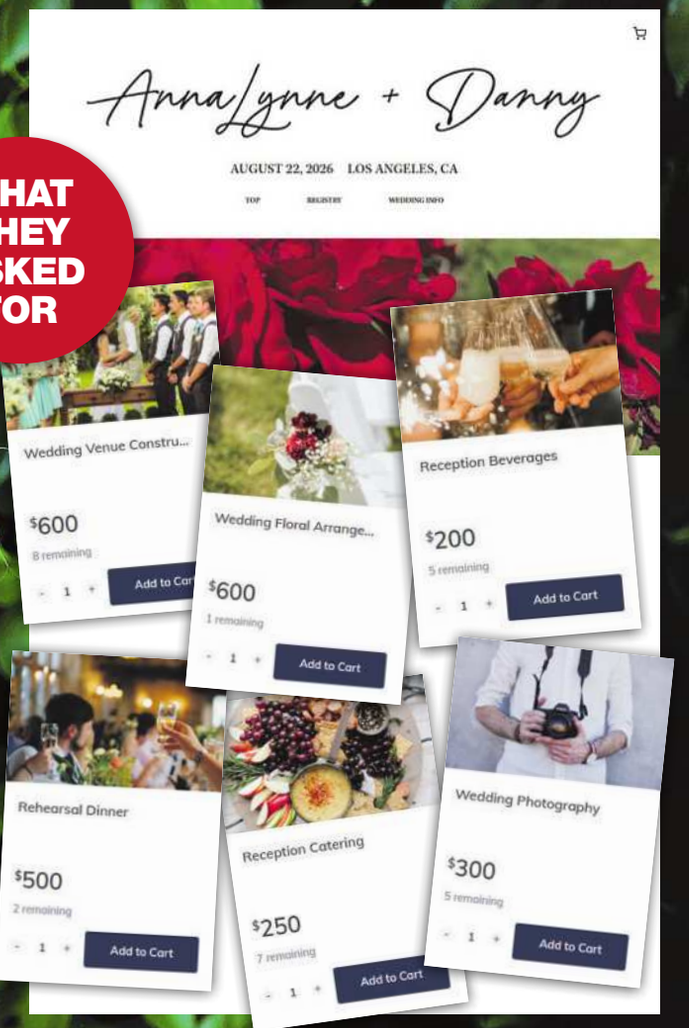
"We have been given permission by the Ministry of Tourism to do a ceremony at Angkor Wat, which is one of the oldest and largest religious sites in the world."

PERFECT MATCH . . . Danny in action for England against France at Twickenham in 2015

ON VICIOUS BACKLASH AT THEIR SITE

PRICE OF LOVE . . . AnnaLynne tells The Sun on Sunday about wedding backlash

Picture by JEFF RAYNER/ Coleman-Rayner



Danny and I got death threats for asking guests to crowdfund our wedding

The pair will also honeymoon in Egypt before settling down.

AnnaLynne said: "We want a house full of kids. Danny was on his own as a kid so he wants a big family."

The actress, who is known for her roles in Nip/Tuck and the reboot of 90210, met Danny on the celeb dating site Raya in 2016.

They had an on-off four-year relationship before splitting in 2020, but the couple were reconciled two years ago.

AnnaLynne explained: "I expanded my Raya account from Los Angeles to the globe, and the first person who popped up was this sexy, tattooed rugby player.

"We talked for months and then, when I wrapped the film I was working on, I went to visit him in Leamington Spa.

"As soon as I saw him everything slowed down and now I realise I always knew he was my soulmate."

Open relationship

AnnaLynne, who has spoken about being a survivor of sexual assault, which has led her to become an activist and speaker against abuse, said her relationship with Danny "healed" her.

She said: "I had been really sexually guarded until I met Danny but he allowed me to open up and showed me love."

The couple started an open relationship but neither could commit due to their work. AnnaLynne said: "I had my filming in LA and he had his rugby in the UK. Neither of us could move, so we would FaceTime and I would visit him when I had time off.

"By the end of 2019, I went to England when he started playing for Gloucester and we were having serious conversations about our potential future.

"But then Danny called to tell me that he and a woman named Victoria had become pregnant."

AnnaLynne said the former Wasps and Bath star told her he wanted to do the right thing and be a dad to the child – which meant he needed to be committed to getting to know Victoria. She recalled: "I just fell apart. I was devastated."

In 2020, Danny and Victoria sadly lost their baby, who they named River, at 23 weeks.

Danny – who has previously been linked to actress Lindsay Lohan, TV hosts Kelly Brook and Kirsty Gallacher, and Katie Price – married Victoria, 44, in April 2021.

AnnaLynne said: "He had been in hospital and I had heard about the baby so I wrote him this huge, long email, finally admitting my feelings.

"I said I knew I truly loved him as I wanted him to be happy."

The actress, known for playing vixen-type roles, said she took a step back and focused on herself, until she started dreaming about Danny in November 2023 during a spiritual retreat in Egypt. She revealed: "I got on a plane back to the US and landed in New York and my make-up artist sent me a screenshot, asking me: 'Did you see this?'

"It was a news article with the headline 'Danny Cipriani divorces his wife' – so I got back in touch.

"He told me he loved me since the day he met me."

Danny moved into AnnaLynne's LA home and, on Christmas Eve last year, said he wanted to propose to her in Cambodia.

She said: "On Christmas Day there were rose petals everywhere and Danny got on his knee in front of the tree. We started planning the wedding quickly after that."

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Push for laws . . Keeley

Half of all new hits on app are by AI

By BRENDAN McFADDEN

A MUSIC streaming app has revealed half of all new tracks shared on its platform are AI-generated.

French app Deezer also revealed that 85 per cent of plays on tracks made by the tech are fraudulent streams from bots in a bid to get royalties.

The platform, which has 10million global subscribers, last month said it would remove all AI tracks used for scams.

It comes after Spotify also announced last year it had taken 75million "spammy" tracks from its platform, while Apple Music admitted in April that bots are behind more than a third of its songs.

A study by market researcher Ipsos showed only five per cent of Brits can spot AI tracks.

Baroness Keeley, chair of the Lords communications and digital committee, last week called for tighter regulation to protect Britain's £8billion music industry from AI.

Sign . . . go-slow zone

Trucker got three 20mph raps in hr

By RICHARD MORIARTY

A TRUCK driver has been banned after being clocked speeding in 20mph zones three times in an hour.

Stephen Rowney, 67, has decided to retire.

The Manchester-based courier was making deliveries 50 miles away in North Wales.

A speed camera caught him doing 28mph on the A548 in Flintshire in July last year after he was already clocked twice that day, a court heard.

He said: "When they say 20mph zone in England you get them, for example, by schools – then they go back to 30.

"But in Wales it was 20, 20, 20. That's why I got done three times."

He had admitted one offence and the other two fixed fines were posted.

Rowney, of Denton – who already had three penalty points – got a six-month ban and was fined £69 by Mold JPs.

IN SCHEME TO RETURN 200...

JUST 13 ALBANIA LAGS SENT HOME

Still here . . killer Selamaj

JUST 13 Albanian prisoners have been sent home in an £8million scheme meant to return 200 of their most serious criminals.

The programme was launched three years ago to make killers, rapists and drug dealers do time in their home country and cut taxpayer costs.

Albanians have been the largest foreign nationality in jails over the past seven years, with their estimated 940 prisoners making up roughly nine

EXCLUSIVE by EMMA PARRY

to 12 per cent of the non-UK offender population. A Sun on Sunday probe this year found that five more of their countrymen are jailed every day.

Many are illegal migrants who arrived on small boats. Others paid up to £20,000 to be smuggled here in lorries.

The UK and Albania announced the jail transfer in 2023, meant to cost £8million over its first two years.

But a source at the Ministry of Justice in Albania said: "The goal was to transfer 200 Albanian prisoners serving more than four years, but only 13 have been transferred so far." Among those still awaiting the boot are 15 murderers serving life sentences.

They include Koci Selamaj, 41, who got a minimum of 36 years for murdering teacher Sabina Nessa, 28, in a South East London park in 2021.

He attacked two prison officers at HMP Frankland in County Durham in May 2023.

Housing an inmate in UK prisons costs taxpayers an average of £56,000 a year.

Speaking about the prisoner transfer scheme back in 2023, the then-Lord Chancellor and Tory Justice Secretary, Alex Chalk, said: "This deal will speed up the removal of these offenders and give victims confidence that serious criminals will continue to face justice."

Albania asked the UK Government to provide £8million to strengthen its prison system to implement the scheme.

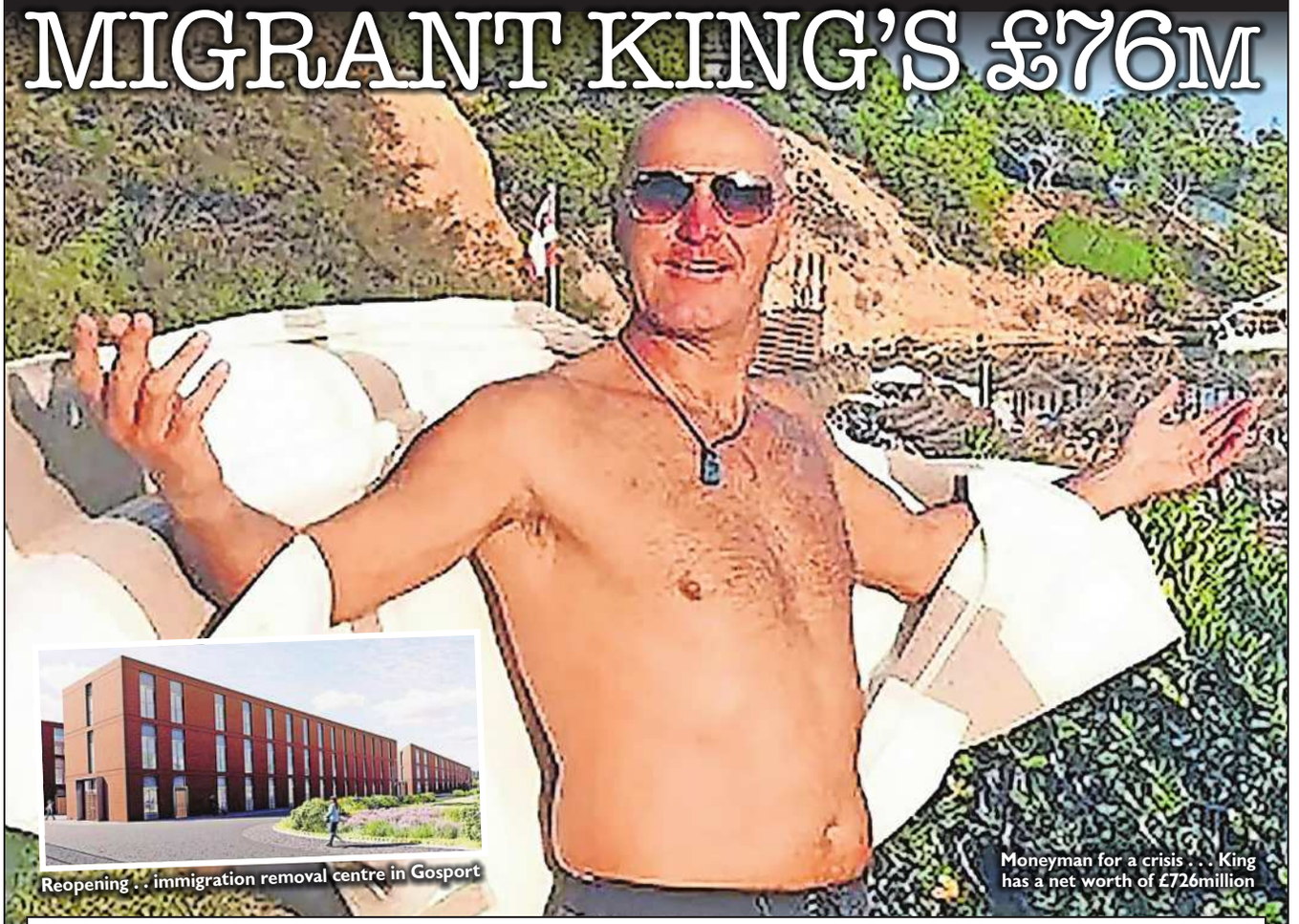
The Government agreed to give £4million per year, but has stressed it only pays part of it per prisoner sent back.

The hold-ups are thought to be due to backlogs in Albanian courts, which must recognise a British sentence.

The Government said: "Prisoner Transfer Agreements are only one way we get foreign criminals out of our jails.

"Over 11,700 have been removed since July 2024."

MIGRANT KING'S £76M



Reopening . . immigration removal centre in Gosport

Moneyman for a crisis . . . King has a net worth of £726million

A MEGA-wealthy asylum hotel boss has won a £76.7million contract to run another immigration centre.

Graham King's Clearsprings Management Limited secured a joint six-year government deal to manage the Haslar Immigration Removal Centre in Gosport, Hants. King, 59, was raking in around £3.8million a day from the migrant crisis last year, and his net worth stands at £726million.

EXCLUSIVE by EMILY-JANE HEAP

He first housed migrants in an old cinema where he grew up in Canvey Island, Essex. His firm now manages accommodation for around 30,000 asylum seekers in sites across the South of England and Wales.

The Haslar site was an immigration removal centre for nearly 30 years until it shut in 2015. It will house 130 failed asylum seekers and foreign criminals when it reopens in 2027, with plans to accommodate 470 more. It is next to a golf club and a row of houses, which locals complain they cannot sell.

The Home Office said the procurement process has not concluded, but it held an engagement event for local residents last autumn.

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HANNAH HOPE'S

This week who I would...

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TIKTOK favourite PERRIE SIAN has confirmed more dates for her Can I Be Candid? live tour.

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SINGER TALIA MAR released her hot single A Bitch Always Knows this week.

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MUMMY MOLLY'S RETURN

MOLLY-MAE HAGUE is a woman who can do it all.

Just two months after welcoming her second child with boxer **TOMMY FURY**, I can reveal the former Love Island star is back at work.

I am told that Molly filmed for a new Adidas Originals advert in London's Westminster on Thursday, after she collaborated with the brand in January.

Molly worked with Adidas to release a limited-edition collection of the Superstar II trainer and Samba shoe along with apparel, which included tracksuit bottoms and jackets.

A source said: "Molly has made no secret of the fact that she is itching to get back to work following the birth of her second child Midas.

"She absolutely loves being a mum-of-two but is a businesswoman as well.

"This new advert takes Molly's collaboration with the brand to a whole new level."

If her latest collection is anything to go by, I am excited to see what Molly has in store for us.

SHAGGY: I'VE TRACK FOR HARRY

SHAGGY has penned a song he reckons would be perfect for **HARRY STYLES**.

The It Wasn't Me hitmaker, who recently released his 13-track album Lottery, said the former **ONE DIRECTION** star's voice would be a great fit for the dance-style track.

"I have a song right now that sounds like Harry Styles," he told Biz on Sunday. "I have no idea of how to get in touch with Harry but this record is a hybrid dance record. It has an amazing hook and I was like: 'Ok this sounds like Harry.'"

Shaggy, *left*, added: "I think one of the big things about success is the element of surprise. That's why I thought of Harry as no one in a million years would think this will happen."

Meanwhile Shaggy revealed how he recently bumped into comedian **SACHA BARON COHEN** at a private event in Greece. He and Sacha, as his comedy character Ali G, collaborated on the song Me Julie in March 2002.

But Shaggy said he has not been asked to work on a track for the upcoming film Ali G: Who Is I?, set for release on October 23.

Of comedy today, Shaggy said: "People are way more sensitive now, back then you could get away with a lot of things."

CARDI B made sure she could not be missed as she stepped out in head-to-toe Chanel in New York.

The American rapper sported the loud yellow and black two-piece to join fellow US singer KEHLANI on stage at the Barclays Center on Friday night.

They performed their collab track Ring, along with Cardi's solo song Ah Ha during the show, which was part of Kehlani's world tour. One fan said: "Cardi looked like she was running errands and decided to stop by."

I need to upgrade my looks for my local Tesco.

WELL YELLOW THERE, CARDI

SPLASH NEWS

BIG Brother 3 winner **KATE LAWLER** is in talks to host the show's upcoming visual podcast.

The reality TV star-turned-presenter would go full circle to interview housemates on the next series of Big Brother on ITV2.

A source said: "Kate is an ideal presenter as she knows exactly what it's like to be in the house. She also has a big fanbase from her years as a presenter. Fans of the series will appreciate this signing."

WHO HAVE YOU SPOTTED?

CELEBRITY hairdresser NICKY CLARKE hanging out at super-skyscraper The Shard in London Bridge on Friday.

THE Masked Singer presenter JOEL DOMMETT at The Athenaeum hotel in London's Mayfair on Tuesday.

ON SUNDAY

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ROBBIE WILLIAMS has vowed to never give up weight-loss jabs, despite worries he's going blind.

They helped him lose nearly two stone after he was refused a slimming gastric bypass, and he told RTE radio: "I'm taking those jabs, I've lost about 25lb, 30lb. I absolutely take them – I'm a celebrity so qualify.

"I was five or six pounds off being allowed a gastric bypass. That was a sad day when I realised I was overweight but not enough. Then I thought: 'Do I get stuck into some ice cream and pizza to make up those five pounds to qualify for it?'

"Anyway, I'm in a good place with food now. I'm not stopping the jabs to find out *[what happens when you stop]*."

Robbie, *left*, told The Sun last year that his vision was "getting worse" and believes that Mounjaro could be to blame.

KSI and **THE SIDEMEN** are releasing a new reality show on Netflix called Outside.

They want to rival I'm A Celeb, so cast members will be sleeping in the great outdoors as part of the series.

The Britain's Got Talent judge filmed the show in the UK earlier this year and contestants include Too Hot To Handle's **CHLOE VEITCH** and **LOUIS RUSSELL**.

An insider said: "KSI has been absorbing all the tricks of the trade when he has been filming BGT on ITV and running off to Netflix to make this new series.

"Contestants may choose to do this over I'm A Celeb because of the exposure and fanbase. It will also be released at a similar time."

Filming happened in May and there will also be a spin-off, Outside: The Reunion.

ARI'S NEW MAN, SAME OLD HOTEL

SPLASH NEWS

WICKED TIME . . . with old love Ethan

ARIANA GRANDE steps out with her latest squeeze – while staying at the same hotel where she romanced her ex, Wicked co-star **ETHAN SLATER**.

The US hitmaker went on a shopping spree in London with new man **RICKY ALVAREZ**, her former backing dancer, and is treating him to the high life at a £6,000-a-night hotel suite.

They are staying there during her ten-night residency at The O2, as part of her Eternal Sunshine world tour.

But the hotel, where she has her own private terrace and giant walk-in wardrobe, is the exact same place where she checked in not so long ago with her former love, Wicked co-star Ethan.

The pair split earlier this year and Ariana has now relit her fire with Ricky, who she also previously dated before Ethan.

She is wowing fans with her Eternal Sunshine show and sure had a sunny disposition as she strolled arm in arm with Ricky.

Ariana looked cute as can be in big shades and ballet heels, while Ricky did the gentlemanly thing by lugging most of the shopping.

Life looks just Grande, Ariana.

GET BACK (HOME TO IRELAND)

THE BEATLES' brotherhood is to be brought to life in four blockbuster movies – just as series star BARRY KEOGHAN battles real-life ructions with his own sibling.

Barry will play drummer **RINGO STARR** in The Beatles: A Four-Film Cinematic Event, directed by **SAM MENDES**. It will see movies from each of the Fab Four's perspectives drop simultaneously in April 2028.

But off screen, I can reveal the relationship between Irishman Barry and brother Eric, *inset right*, has soured.

I'm told Eric previously acted as Barry's assistant on set and would often accompany him to filming. But now, word is that Eric is no longer welcome and has been absent from filming in recent weeks. A source said: "Eric is back in Ireland and is not living with Barry at the house he is renting near London.

"Barry is in the honeymoon phase with his new girlfriend, Danica Hall, and she is not Eric's biggest fan. Barry decided it was best that Eric didn't stay with him and he has not been seen at filming.

"Eric didn't always bring out the best in Barry so it is probably better that the brothers are not in each other's pocket."

The films also star **PAUL MESCAL** as **PAUL McCARTNEY**, **JOSEPH QUINN** as **GEORGE HARRISON** and **HARRIS DICKINSON** as **JOHN LENNON**.

Barry bro Beatles set boot

Earlier this week, the cast were seen recreating the famous shot of the band at the Abbey Road zebra crossing in North West London. Footage showed the four actors strutting across the road in St John's Wood while a choreographer counted for them to step in time.

The original Beatles shot became the cover of their 1969 studio album and fans have flocked to the spot ever since.

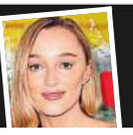
Barry and Eric grew up in the Summerhill district of Dublin's tough Northside. Their mother, Debbie, died at age 32 from a heroin addiction, while their dad was not in the picture. The brothers were in foster care before later being taken in by gran Pattie.

Barry deleted his Instagram profile following his break-up from singer **SABRINA CARPENTER** in 2024. But Eric often posted shots of the pair on his account, including of them at the Peaky Blinders film premiere in Birmingham in March.

Oh dear, it sounds like it could be some time before Barry and Eric make up.

KENDALL JENNER and JACOB ELORDI at Italian restaurant Cipriani in central London on Wednesday.

LOVE Island's LUCINDA STRAFFORD and SEAN STONE on a flight from London to Rome on Friday.



ACTRESS PHOEBE DYNEVOR wearing a huge grin while chatting to a pal on her AirPods in Broadway Market, East London, on Friday.

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DEAL OF DAY

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Rocket science

GET CURIOUS KIDS CLUED UP ON THE COSMOS

IF your kids were captivated by the solar eclipse, hold on to that sense of wonder.

By MEL HUNTER

From making up bedtime stories set in space to buying out-of-this-world gifts, the sky's the limit.

Here are a few ideas to help you fire their imagination . . .

MINI MISSION: Send the kids off to Planet Sleep with a daring tale of intergalactic adventure.

For a no-cost mission to Mars, make up a space story with your own mini astronaut as the lead character.

Continue the fun by getting them to act it out with the Chad Valley wooden astronaut set, which has everything from a walkie-talkie to a telescope. The set is currently half-price at Argos – down from £15 to £7.50.

BARGAIN GIFTS: Turn your child's bedroom into an space light show with the Night Sky Moonlight Projector, down from £43 to £30.10 at John Lewis.

Little ones will love making the Hama Beads Space Mobile, £11.25 from Hobbycraft, while younger kids will be inspired by books such as Usborne's lift-the-flap Look Inside Space by Rob Lloyd Jones. It's usually £9.99 new, but you can pick up a second-hand copy at World Of Books for £3.50.

BLAST OFF: Help youngsters make their own spaceship using cardboard boxes, tubes, tape and items like bottle caps – great for pretend control panels.

Also introduce problems for youngsters to solve from the safety of their rocket ship, from fast-approaching asteroids to alien takeovers.

Get a headstart with the colour-in cardboard rocket from Hobbycraft, down from £25 to £12.50.

LOOK UP: Keep fuelling their interest in space with frequent stargazing adventures.

Choose a clear, dark night away from city lights. Dress warmly and bring blankets, a red-filtered torch and some binoculars.

Make sense of what you're looking at by printing off a kids' star map for free online, or downloading a child-friendly stargazing app like Stellarium.

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What's new?

GET 25 per cent off English Heritage annual membership this month with code EHSUM26. It means an adult can join for £63 instead of £84, and take up to six children to EH sites nationwide for free.

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TOP SWAP

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KIDS can step out for the new term in the leather bow school shoes, *above*, from £22.40 at M&S, or, if they like that look, head to Lidl for its bow-design leather-upper shoes, *below*, for £6.99.
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Not guilty . . . Lim

Sex rap BA man cleared

By SEBASTIAN HAW

A BRITISH Airways steward has been cleared of sexually assaulting a female colleague after their captain gave them vodka on a night out.

Ryan Lim, 31, was accused of pleasuring himself while rubbing the stewardess's bottom as she slept in a hotel bed with him and another male colleague.

She claimed she was woken by Lim's "sexual moaning".

They had been on a drinking spree with captain James Hewitt in Rio, Brazil, the night before in November 2024 after flying from London.

Capt Hewitt bought Lim, from Doncaster, and his crew vodka at a club, Isleworth crown court, West London, heard.

The woman said she did not recall how she ended up sleeping in the room. Brazilian cops were told of the incident and two BA flights had to be cancelled.

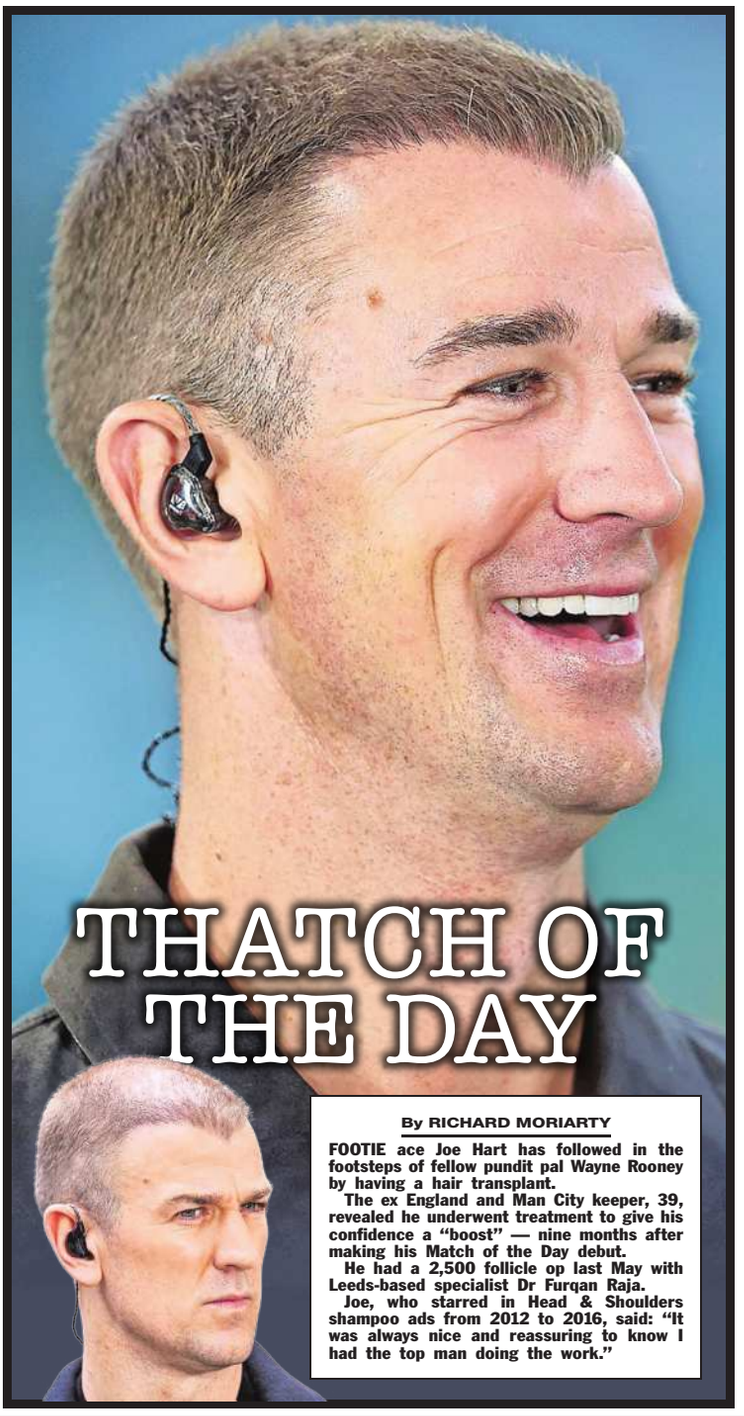
KitKat top on TikTok

THE KitKat has been named social media's most popular chocolate.

Reseachers analysed 11million online posts about chocs – and found the four-fingered treat featured by far the most.

It was in 4.3million messages, well ahead of second-placed Lindt on 1.7million, with Dairy Milk third on 1.3million.

Digital marketing consultant Chris Laas said the KitKat, first made in 1935, has "secured universal awareness". He added: "TikTok likes and Instagram directly fuel impulse purchases."



THATCH OF THE DAY

By RICHARD MORIARTY

FOOTIE ace Joe Hart has followed in the footsteps of fellow pundit pal Wayne Rooney by having a hair transplant.

The ex England and Man City keeper, 39, revealed he underwent treatment to give his confidence a "boost" — nine months after making his Match of the Day debut.

He had a 2,500 follicle op last May with Leeds-based specialist Dr Furqan Raja.

Joe, who starred in Head & Shoulders shampoo ads from 2012 to 2016, said: "It was always nice and reassuring to know I had the top man doing the work."

BABIES BOOM

SPERM DONOR DAD OF 40 KIDS

SOME sperm donor dads have each officially fathered at least 40 children, figures reveal.

Rules currently state sperm can be used for offspring in no more than ten separate families.

Figures from the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) show 1,569 donors have fathered a dozen or more babies – producing at least 23,036 children between them.

As many as four are responsible for 41 or more births from clinics licensed by the authority since 1991. Five have each fathered 32 kids, with at least 103 reaching 20 or more births.

EXCLUSIVE by ELEANOR GUNN

The figures do not include donations outside the licensed system, and those who go overseas, with some reportedly fathering several hundred kids.

Experts say many will have half-brothers and sisters they do not know about, and can never trace.

Debbie Kennett, a genetic genealogist from University College London, said: "I think these numbers seriously underestimate the number of half-siblings."

Nina Barnsley, of the Donor Conception Network, said: "Having large numbers of close genetic relatives can be a challenge both in terms of forming their identity and integrating those half-siblings into their lives."

She said discussions are under way over how the limit – introduced in 2006 – can be monitored, "especially across borders".

HFEA director Rachel Cutting said breaches of the ten-family limit are rare and when found "are often only just over".

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Enders' 'doof, doof, doof' has become 'doof, doof, doofus'

I HAVE two great loves in life – politics . . . and EastEnders.

But unfortunately, it's Westminster that has had all the nail-biting drama recently as Britain's favourite soap has gone off the boil.

Things have got so bad that one disgruntled fan has even set up a petition demanding the Government intervene and sack one of the BBC programme's executive producers.

Parliament has refused the tongue-in-cheek request. It is not proper government business, apparently!

Although having sat through my fair share of dreary House of Commons debates, I suspect that a ding-dong about EastEnders would attract more public interest than whether or not Cramlington needs a new roundabout.

And it would not be the first time politicians have intervened in our soaps.

Remember back in 1998, when Coronation Street ran a storyline which saw Deirdre Rachid (Anne Kirkbride) wrongfully jailed for credit card fraud?

Fans were so outraged they protested outside a prison and petitioned their MPs to "Free the Weatherfield One".

They even got then-Prime Minister Tony Blair to call for her release.

Savvy bosses at Corrie heeded the request and Deirdre eventually walked free from prison and returned to the cobbles.

And no, it was not thanks to an early prisoner release scheme! New evidence came to light that cleared her.

But back to EastEnders.

As a huge fan of the show, I am in despair. It has lost its grit, its edge, its drama. Those famous doof-doofs have become dud-duds.

EastEnders used to be brilliant, with fearless matriarchs like Peggy Mitchell (Barbara Windsor) and Pat Butcher (Pam St Clement) and scheming hardmen like Phil Mitchell (Steve McFadden) and Dirty Den (Leslie Grantham).

Christmas isn't Christmas without the EastEnders cliffhanger and some sordid affair being exposed or a ne'er-do-well getting their comeuppance.

I still think June Brown, who played the indomitable Dot Cotton for 35 years, was the finest actor of her generation.

She could say more with a single drag on her cigarette and an arch of her eyebrows than most actors say in dozens of pages of dialogue.

HIT . . . jailed Deirdre, Sharongate

But recently the soap has all gone a bit . . . wrong. New characters like Bea Pollard (Ronni Ancona) are boring snoring.

And old icons are brought back with great fanfare, only to be written out again months later when the producers get bored.

Take the much-lauded return of Zoe Slater (Michelle Ryan) to Albert Square after 20 years away. This was meant to be the bombshell storyline that kept us glued to our tellies four times a week.

But instead it fell flat. And now she is set to be killed off just a year after her return. What a waste.

Or take Max Branning (Jake Wood), another EastEnders legend.

He is a self-obsessed, scheming lothario who once plotted to destroy Albert Square and drove his ex-wife Tanya (Jo Joyner) to such despair that she buried him alive in a coffin in the woods on Good Friday.

Suffice to say he rose again.

When Max returned to the soap last year, I rubbed my hands with glee, excited about what dastardly mischief he would get up to this time.

But so far it has been a massive disappointment.

No suspense

He went from hating Cindy Beale (Michelle Collins) to being engaged to her in about a week.

He is now having an affair with younger woman Priya (Sophie Khan Levy), but who cares?

Cindy, who once enlisted a hitman to kill her then-husband Ian (Adam Woodyatt) and came back from the dead a few years ago, doesn't seem to like Max very much and vice versa.

No one cares if they split up. There is no tension, jeopardy or suspense.

EastEnders bosses are racing through characters like a red-flag bloke races through Tinder dates.

Bored now – on to the next.

And when BBC bosses do bring back a legend of the Square, they don't make the most of it.

I love EastEnders. I've watched it since I was a child. I can still remember being round my grandma's house when the explosive "Sharongate" episode aired, exposing Sharon Watts (Letitia Dean) and Phil Mitchell's affair.

Every Christmas Day, my family stops whatever they are doing to watch the EastEnders special.

If we are still gorging on turkey, we take a break from the table. If we are watching a film, it is paused. EastEnders comes first.

So I have a plea for that army of scriptwriters and producers at Elstree Studios: please raise your game and make EastEnders great again.

If not, I just might have to use my next question at a Downing Street press conference to ask the Prime Minister Andy Burnham to intervene to save the soap I know and love.

Although I have a feeling the former Manchester Mayor may be more of a Corrie man . . .

JANE ATKINSON IS AWAY

Nailed it! My glam hero Amy

I HAVE got a new hero – and her name is Amy Hunt.

The hugely talented sprinter won a record-breaking four gold medals at the European Championship – and looked sensational with a full face of make-up and an impressive manicure.

The 24-year-old told the Beeb that getting glammed up helps get her in the zone.

Amy said: "The glam definitely helps that mentality because sprinting is such a confidence game."

Good for her. She looked fab, as did the rest of our hugely talented squad of female glamazonian sprinters. They were brimming with confidence and talent – and they made me want to put my running shoes on, and dash out and get a manicure.

Ladies, this is what feminism looks like. Lads, watch and learn.

BUDGET . . . Burnham

A 'DAM GOOD IDEA

ANDY BURNHAM is getting ready to draw up his first Budget as Prime Minister, and you know what that usually means – tax rises.

So I thought the new PM might be interested in something I learned on my summer holiday in Amsterdam this year.

The Dutch government used to tax homeowners according to how big the front of their house was.

As a result, many of the houses alongside the city's famous canals have tiny entrances and then get bigger at the back.

Homeowners did this to escape massive levies from the taxman.

The lesson here is that when hard-working people think a tax is unfair, they will change their habits to avoid paying it.

Andy should heed this warning and ditch the tax hikes.

COSTLY . . . new specs

EYES ON THE PRIZE

I WENT to buy some new specs the other day and couldn't believe my eyes when I first looked at the prices.

Many were being flogged for nearly £500 a pair.

I nearly booked myself in for another eye test to make sure I wasn't seeing things!

I know wearing glasses has gone from geeky to trendy over the past few years.

But these sky-high prices are bananas.

I ended up finding some bargain basement ones that looked exactly the same as the designer frames. Which just goes to show that when something is eye-wateringly expensive, it is always worth looking elsewhere.

I SEE Boney M are set to play the Reform party conference next month. No small boats on the Rivers Of Babylon then . . .

PIG SICK . . . hedge before and after

PLEASE CATCH SWINE

VANDALS in Oxfordshire have taken a chainsaw and decapitated a hedge that was shaped to look like Peppa Pig.

What heartless swines.

I will never understand why some bone-headed yobs want to deface nature like this.

It's like the men who cut down the Sycamore Gap tree. They are idiotic louts who revelled in the pointless destruction they caused.

Thames Valley Police are hunting for the culprits of the Peppa Pig hedge decapitation.

Hopefully someone will squeal and the vandals will be brought to justice.

CHERYL COLE is apparently poised to make a telly comeback as a coach on The Voice UK.

Hooray, the Girls Aloud star was the best thing about The X Factor and we have missed her.

Does this mean she is planning new music too?

Fingers crossed – it's been ages since the charts had a banger as good as Fight For This Love.

WORKS FOR ME

AN employment tribunal has ruled that you can't be sacked for slagging off your boss behind their back.

Well, thank goodness for that!

If it had gone another way then millions of us would be destined for the dole queue.

Moaning about work is a national sport for us Brits. What else would we talk about down the pub once we have clocked off for the day?

It would be barmy to make that a sacking offence.

PS to my editor – if you are reading this, I love you really!

£120M SAS KIT MADE IN CHINA

DEFENCE chiefs have spent over £120million on military clothing for the SAS and Paras made by potential enemy China.

The Ministry of Defence has paid out on contracts since 2018, with others agreed since then running until next year.

Among the items supplied are Arctic winter gear for Special Forces, smocks to keep snipers hidden, thermals for air crew and assault balaclavas, we can reveal.

EXCLUSIVE by SEAN RAYMENT

Yet MI5 director general Sir Ken McCallum said last year that threats to the UK from China were "escalating".

He said: "That means espionage, including against our Parliament, our universities, our critical infrastructure."

GCHQ, the UK's intelligence, security and cyber agency, has said China "poses a genuine and increasing cyber risk".

Colonel Phil Ingram, a former Army intelligence officer, said it was "utter madness" to buy military gear from a country "that remains a clear threat and a clear and present danger to British values".

The MoD said Britain had no "direct contracts" with China for combat gear, and most clothing suppliers were UK-based.

Combat gear . . . paratrooper

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UK'S CRIMINAL

EXCLUSIVE by BEN ENDLEY

PROBATION officers are threatening to quit over Government plans to release 5,000 prison inmates early, as many buckle under 150 per cent workload capacity.

Last week, 91 per cent of probation workers voted to strike, claiming they "cannot protect the public properly" amid Prime Minister Andy Burnham's early release plan to free up jail spaces.

Now The Sun On Sunday can reveal overworked officers fear the impending surge will push the service to breaking point.

Former officer Liz Baxter warned: "Probation officers I've spoken to are horrified by this and scared about what will happen but don't feel they can speak out about it.

"Some have already moved to other areas of the civil service that are easier. Some are looking for other work, and many are knuckling down to see how they get on.

"Nobody is working in that kind of job for the money, or for the hours or because it's easy. They are doing it because they genuinely want to help people but if something goes wrong they know they will be thrown under the bus by managers."

Full-time parole officers – supposed to handle a maximum of 45 cases – are already drowning under 60-plus, with numbers set to rise.

Last year, officers handling high-risk offenders averaged 118 per cent capacity. Official figures show His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service faced a 3,150-staff shortfall this year, while data from 2024 revealed officers adequately assessed risk of harm in only 28 per cent of cases.

'It's dangerous'

Among those eligible for early release are cop killers **Jessie Cole** and **Albert Bowers**, who dragged PC Andrew Harper to his death behind a car. More than one million people have signed a petition demanding they serve their full sentences.

Liz, who quit in 2015 after her caseload spiralled out of control then wrote her memoir A Murderer's Guide To Cleaning, is worried about the impact on young and inexperienced staff.

In some regions, up to 35 per cent of officers have less than two years' experience.

Liz warned: "I'd never had any mental health issues before working in probation but I spent three months in bed and couldn't think.

"I had 60 on my caseload – 13 of them were sex offenders, then I had a couple of murderers and an arsonist. The fear of missing something is horrendous.

"When I started you weren't allowed to see a high-risk offender until you were qualified for two years but now 21-year-olds with no life experience can be put in front of a murderer or sex offender who is skilled at lying and manipulating. It's dangerous."

Historically, probation officers were required to build up years of experience on lower-risk cases before being assigned complex offenders.

But due to severe staff shortages and backlogs, newly qualified officers – or even trainees in their early twenties – are now routinely assigned high-risk caseloads.

Sharon Birch, a former Met Police officer turned safeguarding consultant, warned the Government that its policy would likely increase crime on the streets. She said: "I can see more probation officers quitting. How on earth are they going to manage these extra people? Inevitably some will slip through the cracks.

"To do everything we want for these people we would need ten times as many staff, whether that's in education, policing or prisons. If people who should be in prison are being released, all it's going to do is raise the crime rate – we don't have enough police officers now."

Systemic failures are already proving deadly. **David Braddon**, 38, beat 18-year-old Conner Marshall to death in 2015 in a case of mistaken identity in Bridgend, South Wales.

Braddon was subject to two community orders for drug offences and assaulting a police officer, yet probation staff didn't know he was back in contact with an ex-partner he had previously abused.

At Conner's inquest, junior probation officer Kathryn Oakley broke down, testifying she had been given an "impossible job."

Handling 60 cases, including Braddon's, she was regularly forced to stay in the office until midnight to try and catch up. Braddon is now serving life.

Jordan McSweeney was released from prison in June 2022 and was under probation supervision when he murdered and sexually assaulted

RELEASED
Jordan McSweeney murdered a woman while on probation

RELEASED
Joshua Jacques murdered his girlfriend while on probation

COURT ORDER
David Braddon killed a man while under probation supervision

JUSTICE SYSTEM AT BREAKING POINT

MOCKING . . . Albert Bowers, left, and Jessie Cole, at Reading court in 2019
Pictures by DOUG SEEBURG

RELEASED?
PC Andrew Harper's killers are eligible for early release

'How on earth are our probation officers going to manage all these extra people? Inevitably some will slip through the cracks'

Probation staff think Burnham plan for prison early release is HORRIFIC

aspiring lawyer Zara Aleena, 35, in Ilford, East London.

He missed supervision appointments after release, but probation did not take the urgent action necessary to recall him to prison.

His recently qualified probation worker, Austin Uwaifo, said McSweeney should have been graded high risk and, had he been, he would have pushed for him to have been recalled to prison earlier.

And **Joshua Jacques** was on probation when he killed girlfriend Samantha Drummonds, 27, and her family with a knife in Bermondsey, south-east London, in April 2022.

A report by the HM Inspectorate of Probation found that there were "serious failings" in his supervision and highlighted that he was assigned to a newly qualified probation officer who had completed training only three months prior. Charges for Serious Further Offences – which includes murders, rapes, and serious assaults committed by offenders on probation – jumped by 55 per cent in 2023-24, compared with 2021-22.

Ministry of Justice figures show more people were recalled to prison in the first three months of 2026 (13,193) than were released (12,977) – and experts warn that early release will only trigger a revolving door of reoffending.

Dr Jake Phillips, Cambridge criminology professor and editor of the Probation Journal, said: "What's most likely to happen is probation workers are going to be very anxious about not wanting these people to reoffend, so there will be very high rates of recall back to prison.

"These early release schemes will accelerate that. Where we might see that is the chronic drug user who is going to be released homeless because there is now no time to set up housing and benefits. They will be more likely to reoffend."

Staff shortages are the main reason cited for poor performance in the probation service, wiith a 21 per cent vacancy rate in 2025.

'Chaos in their lives'

Failure to update old data meant it has only recently realised that the service has been operating with around half of the sentence management staff it needs.

Dr Phillips continued: "London has been hit hardest by the workload. A new practitioner earns just over £30,000, which isn't much in London and the South East, so it has had a much higher vacancy rate for years. Wales and the North East have fared better but nowhere is fully staffed.

"People have talked about the severe anxiety of coming to work in the morning and finding out somebody has committed a serious further offence.

"It's everybody's worst nightmare and looms large in people's minds."

Many freed inmates will be fitted with electronic tags. The MoJ estimates up to 22,000 extra offenders per year will require tagging by 2027, costing £3,130 per person.

Others face strict release conditions including exclusion zones, curfews and non-contact orders.

Yet charities warn the policy actively sets offenders up to fail.

Kelly Grehan, policy manager at Revolving Doors, said: "Most of the people on early release are going to be recalled, not because of committing new offences but just because of general chaos in their lives.

"Because probation officers have such big workloads, they don't get to know the people they are supervising. You might always be late because you can't tell the time but a probation officer who knows you will know that's not a sign of risk."

A Ministry of Justice spokesman said: "Probation staff do a vital job to protect the public. That's why we've secured the biggest probation pay increase in over a decade and we're recruiting 1,300 probation officers this year to cut workloads.

"Our record £700m investment is giving staff the resources, powers, and technology they need to manage those under supervision, on top of a record number of offenders being tagged."

3 CAUTIONARY DIGITAL WORLD TALES

WOULD you entrust your most important life decisions to AI?

It seems 41 per cent of us would, turning to ChatGPT for therapy, a Bournemouth University study has found.

But it comes amid warnings that chatbots pose "insidious risks" to relationships because they reaffirm users' actions and opinions, even when harmful.

EXCLUSIVE By ALLEY EINSTEIN and JOSH SAUNDERS

While they could save you a fortune on therapy bills, is it safe to have AI counsel you in your darkest moments?

These three Sun on Sunday readers don't think so – with one revealing how it even led to her wedding plans being cancelled.

How chatbot advice wrecked our lives

KO'D BY AI

'I lost dream wedding and Mr Perfect'

NALINI BEHM, 27

HEARTBROKEN Nalini claims taking advice from AI left her without the wedding she dreamed of, a house and the man she loved.

IT manager Nalini, 27, from Oxford, was instructed to confront her fiancé Jack, 32, after asking a chatbot for advice about confessing her darkest secret.

During their seven-year romance, she had run up debts of £21,000 trying to keep pace with her fiancé's six-figure lifestyle and going 50-50 on everything while she earned £29,000 a year.

"I was terrified he'd think I was boring or cheap if I couldn't match his lifestyle," she says. "So I kept spending and hid the truth from him."

They were saving for their wedding this year and a house, which she lied about having £5,000 for. That was until her AI therapist detonated it all.

Having used the bot to help with "mean girl problems" in the past, Nalini trusted it when it labelled Jack "controlling" and the cause of her struggles. "It told me that I was the victim and it wasn't my fault," she says.

It advised compiling a list of occasions when Jack had asked her to pay half and connect it to her debts. But when she confronted Jack, he went from being horrified, to tears, before "distress turned to anger".

Before packing a bag and leaving, he fumed: "I can't trust you with money. You've dredged up all our history and blamed me."

Nalini, who now lives with her parents, vows to never use AI for relationship advice again.

She says: "One minute, I was planning a wedding and buying a house with the man I loved – the next, it was gone. I'm devastated. I ruined six years of my life following a computer's suggestions."

'Pal furious I snubbed her'

CAROLINE DUDDRIDGE, 65

HAVING used tech to navigate rows with long-term partner Dean, AI was Caroline's first port of call when it came to a grievance with a pal.

The part-time teaching assistant, 65, was upset after her friend of 20 years cancelled a long-planned lunch that Caroline had turned down work to attend.

"I talked it through with the bot," said gran Caroline. Her AI "counsellor", a tool she consults for eight hours a week, then urged her to match pal Angie, 67, by pulling out of their meeting at the last minute. Her friend was furious. But the chatbot insisted.

Caroline, *above*, from Cardiff, says: "It told me to set boundaries and cut her off because she was toxic. I told my friend that and now we don't speak."

When she revisited the subject with the chatbot, it admitted giving her wrong advice due to a glitch. "The bot told me it had been 'hallucinating'," she says. "I learnt that's when AI imagines things or refers to information it has made up. I was devastated."

But Caroline hasn't stopped using the bot. She adds: "I'm addicted. It saves me money and the focus is completely on me."

'She left after I told it just my side of story'

TOM FRANKS, 33

SINGLE Tom wishes he had listened properly to his girlfriend of five years, instead of AI.

The computer programmer from Birmingham, consulted a chatbot for advice to de-escalate arguments with his now ex, Lucy, about his overbearing mother.

The pushy parent had interrupted their anniversary dinner and a weekend away to ask him to move furniture. Regularly, she would call several times a day and show up uninvited.

During one row, Lucy snapped: "I'm sick of coming second to your mum. You never have my back."

The bot told Tom, 33, to set a boundary, accused Lucy of being controlling and even wrote a message to her on Tom's behalf, which he sent near-verbatim.

It read: "I love you but my relationship with my mother isn't something you get to control. I'm not going to accept being guilt-tripped or made responsible for your insecurity."

Lucy was enraged, complaining that his mum had been "running our lives" for three years while he just turned the problem on her.

But Tom says: "It told me not to retreat because Lucy had reacted badly. Instead of saying, 'Maybe I've misunderstood', I told her that her reaction proved I needed the boundary.

"That was the killer."

Lucy, 29, walked out and days later ended their relationship. Tom now recognises he had only fed AI his version of events, which warped its response.

"I lost the woman I'd been with for five years over arguments that should never have gone that far," he says. "I wish I'd put the phone down and actually listened to her."

Pictures by OLIVIA WEST & ADRIAN SHERRATT

'IT CAN MAKE PERSONAL PROBLEMS WORSE'

By **JAMIE BARTLETT**
Author of How To Talk To AI (And How Not To)

FOR undertaking pesky administrative tasks, simplifying intentionally vague language in legal letters and energy bills, or sharpening up your writing, AI can be brilliant.

But when it comes to very high- stakes questions, like anything medical, or serving as a therapist or friend, these chatbot companions can actually be quite dangerous.

The models only understand the information we give them and we are all quite biased.

Through "reinforcement learning", they understand that we tend to like answers that agree with us and de-escalate our distress or suffering, like in the case of the people The Sun on Sunday has spoken to. They have a tendency to be sycophantic, agree with us, unlike a good friend or therapist who, rightly, would challenge what we think. If you said, "I'm being gaslit by my boyfriend" or, "My girlfriend is being unreasonable", it often won't push back or ask wider questions. It will ASSUME you are telling the truth.

Worse still, the longer we talk to them, the more effectively they mirror our language and appease us, which can make us trust and rely on them even more. Even when we shouldn't.

And their safety filters, designed to give solid and non-harmful advice, become weaker.

If a single chat thread spans weeks or months, it can start to forget its own safety rules and, ultimately, that could mean getting terrible advice.

AI chatbots are generators of statistically plausible text, with a tendency to please, flatter and reduce conflict or suffering. For deeply personal advice, it can be more harmful than helpful.

Cohen . . . with giant

Lad's 12ft flower is sunthing special..

By BRENDAN McFADDEN

A BOY has been dwarfed by a 12½ft sunflower at home after being given the seed by his school.

Five-year-old Cohen began growing the plant in June.

The family watched in amazement as the sunflower got so tall in the back garden – and they hope to have another monster next year.

Cohen's stunned mum Chelsie Buckley said: "We were wondering when it was going to stop growing but it's finally flowered.

"It's huge. We love any sunflowers. We're planning to save the seeds to grow next year."

The family did their best to measure the huge plant in Raunds, Northants, and recorded it at roughly 12ft 6in.

Photos show Cohen standing beside the enormous sunflower, which was planted as part of a school project.

The bloom also towers over Cohen's two-year-old brother Logan.

JOY OF PETS

THERE are 400 dog breeds across the world, ranging from the smallest, the chihuahua, to the largest, the great dane that can top 2.5ft tall.

Mint yob town fury

TEENAGE yobs have been using catapults to fire mint imperials at properties in an affluent market town, police say.

Residents and business owners in New Milton, Hants, have been forking out for repairs after the spate of attacks.

Ball bearings are also sometimes being used as missiles, officers added.

Local Emma Buckle said: "They have smashed a bedroom window and car back lights for us."

Hampshire Police said they wished to find and "educate" the perpetrators.

But local Ollie Egan suggested cops were being soft on crime, writing: "Educate them? Criminal offence surely, and dealt with as one."

JOY OF PETS

SOME cats are born with up to ten digits on one paw, instead of the usual five. It can improve their balance as it means they have huge paws.

BIN ATTACKS SOAR

Refuse crews targeted in vicious 108 incidents

REFUSE workers have been attacked and abused 108 times in the past year, figures reveal.

Union bosses want all bin crews and street cleaners to be provided with bodycams.

Cases included a worker being headbutted by a householder angry that not all of their rubbish was taken away in Knowsley, Merseyside.

In Walsall, police were called

EXCLUSIVE by MATT DAVIS

after a bin loader was punched in the face. Manchester City Council reported a street cleaner being beaten with their own litter-picking stick. In Brent, North West London, a worker was mugged of his phone, while another had their wrist broken by a man with a metal bar.

In Newcastle, a motorist held up by a refuse truck reversed their car into a collector, knocking them off their feet. Meanwhile, a crew member in Enfield, North London, had what turned out to be a fake gun pointed at him.

Birmingham City Council, hit by a long-standing strike, said a street cleaner suffered post-traumatic stress disorder after a attack and racial abuse.

Kirklees Council in West Yorks reported a worker being racially abused after refusing to take contaminated rubbish.

Three men were jailed for a total of 18 years last year for two co-ordinated assaults in Stoke. Will Dalton, of union GMB, said of the findings, obtained under the Freedom of Information Act: "Every single day refuse workers come across aggression, verbal abuse, and physical violence."

He said they needed bodycams "like many other public-facing workers" to help deter aggressors and bring them to justice.

The Local Government Association said: "Any attack on a refuse collector, verbal or physical, is completely unacceptable."

Target . . . bin workers

£19k pub race jibe

A BARTENDER has won almost £19,000 compensation after a colleague deliberately called her by the name of the only other black staff member.

Jalila Yousif was called Racquelle by Hugo Pellett, who "laughed in her face" in 2023 when she challenged him on it.

She had called him Henry by mistake earlier and had apologised at Terrace NQ, Manchester.

An employment tribunal in the city ruled she was racially harassed.

HAMMER TO FALL

A piano and mic used by Freddie Mercury to write Queen and solo hits are for auction at Propstore, Herts, on October 1.

Shower and glory . . rain falls at the 'Henge

A SPELL OF RAIN!

Pictures: SIMON JONES

EXCLUSIVE by SARAH ARNOLD

DRUID King Arthur Pendragon stands in the rain and thanks Sun on Sunday readers.

The 72-year-old last week called on you to recite his "weather magic" spell and end the drought. And the heavens have since opened, forcing him to get out his rainbow-coloured brolly at Stonehenge, Wilts.

The self-proclaimed reincarnation of King Arthur said: "Working together, we've brought a downpour to parched Britain."

Epic . . Damon, Zendaya

R-ecord breaking Odyssey

By BRENDAN McFADDEN

BIG screen epic The Odyssey has become the highest grossing R-rated film of all time.

The flick, set in ancient Greece with a host of stars led by Matt Damon, has taken £990million at the worldwide box office since its release in July.

It has overtaken 2024 action comedy Deadpool & Wolverine, which has raked in £980million.

Movies with an R-rating – requiring under-17s to be accompanied by an adult in the US – normally produce lower box-office earnings.

The Odyssey, which follows a Greek king's ten-year journey home after the Trojan War, is a 15 in the UK for its "strong violence".

Directed by Christopher Nolan, it also stars Tom Holland and Zendaya.

JOY OF PETS

MEDICAL detection dogs can sniff out diseases including cancer and Parkinson's disease and even warn diabetic patients before a sugar crash.

Huts for a 'tidy' sum

THE seaside resort featured in TV show Gavin & Stacey has the UK's cheapest beach huts to hire, research has found.

Barry Island rents them out for £24 per day.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council, in charge of the huts, said they offer "excellent views across Whitmore Bay".

The Monzo study of 19 local coastal authorities found the typical cost is £56 for a summer day and £223 for a week.

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Dave . . . back in day

Hair 'key' to Slade's Hill fame

By PAUL SIMS

SLADE rocker Dave Hill says his hairdo was the key to his fame and fortune – and made him irresistible to women.

The guitarist, 80, said he adopted the pudding basin mullet after letting his locks grow to cover up his "sticky out ears".

Dad-of-three Dave – nicknamed Superyob – was also known for wearing capes, platform boots and jumpsuits.

He said the band's manager, Chas Chandler, encouraged his hair and bizarre fashion sense.

He told Mojo magazine: "Chas said, 'Your face is your fortune, Dave'."

Dave added: "My image and enthusiasm came across strongly on TV.

"I grew my hair and girls noticed you.

"I remember walking through Woolworths in a hat and cape and heads were turning."

The Cum On Feel the Noize star, wed to wife Jan since 1970, is said to be worth £5million.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

Sun's Arthur Edwards
On William & Harry reconciliation

"It would take a great act of forgiveness and I'm not sure Wills is ready to do that"

The Queen
On the King's cancer

"Look at my husband. Nothing stopped him"

Pep Guardiola
Dressing room rant after defeat in 2024

"I'm f***ing divorced from the most beautiful woman on the planet"

Shabana Mahmood
Home Sec on immigration battle

"We're going to bear down on small boats relentlessly"

Vladimir Putin
On UK sending drones to Ukraine

"London's actions will carry consequences"

Amy Hunt
Celebrating four Euro sprint golds

"I had a glass of champagne and a KFC – one of the best-tasting I've had in my life"

ISLAND TREASURE

A pendant bought for £100 just months ago sold for £60,000 in Salisbury as it was found to be a Pacific island tribal relic.

HOW LOVE ISLE'S STAR IS K

LOOKING POLISHED

Maya, *left*, lights up London in 2023 and Kim dazzles in a near-identical silver dress at a 2019 New York gala

SHE HIRES KIM'S STYLIST FOR THE BIG NETFLIX BASH

MAKE MA

MAYA JAMA is keeping up with Kim Kardashian in the sexy stakes – by hiring her stylist.

EXCLUSIVE By
EMILY WEBBER
Deputy Showbiz Editor

The Love Island host has recruited Scots-born creative director Soki Mak to dress her for the premiere of The Gentlemen season 2 in London next month.

Maya is set to dazzle at the Netflix gangster-comedy launch – but she may have a glam new co-star after news that the Duchess of Sussex is being lined up for the next series.

Meghan is understood to be "very excited" at the prospect of a role in the show, and Netflix is expected to announce the commissioning of Series 3 next week.

Meghan's last major role was in hit US drama Suits, which she left in late 2017.

A part in the hit show is believed to be a key reason Meghan and Harry are returning to the UK.

In the latest run of Guy Ritchie's hit Maya plays a gangster's moll and she wants to dazzle fans by showcasing her figure, just like Kim did at last year's Kardashian-Jenner Christmas Eve gathering, when Soki styled her in a 1986 Thierry Mugler corset.

A source said: "Soki has created some amazing red carpet looks.

"Maya absolutely loves fashion and has developed an incredible personal style.

"The pair bonded on a recent business trip to the US and could not wait to start working on a project together.

"Maya has always understood the value of a look. She can wear something sexy, high fashion or completely relaxed and still look like herself. That's actually quite rare. It gives her a lot of room to evolve."

It's not the first time Maya has followed in Kim's fashion footsteps. She became the face of Dolce & Gabbana's autumn/winter range in 2023 – the year after Kim worked with the

STYLIST
Soki Mak in 2018

KEEPING UP WITH KARDASHIAN

HOLEY SMOKE

Maya stuns in Kim-style black cutout dress like Kim's

EARNING THEIR STRIPES

Maya establishes herself as a style icon on a 2023 night out in Mayfair, but Kim, *right*, set the bar at 2018 awards do

PRETTY IN PINK . . . Maya poses in pastel two-piece, *left*, while Kim dazzles in fuchsia

BACKGRID

Italian fashion house.

Maya also channelled Kim in a black cut-out gown during her first year of hosting Love Island in 2023. Kim is a huge fan of the dating show. And both women are no stranger to accentuating their assets in similar metallic gowns and optical illusion dresses.

Harness sex appeal

But they have also proved how to harness their sex appeal to create lucrative business opportunities.

Kim went from reality star to billionaire businesswoman after launching her shapewear and clothing brand Skims.

She founded the line in 2019 with Dragons' Den star Emma Grede. The company is now valued at £3.7billion.

Meanwhile, Maya became the face of luxury lingerie brand Agent Provocateur earlier this year, modelling their swim collection in Ibiza.

She also launched her own skincare brand, MIJ Masks, in December 2020. And in recent years, she has become the co-owner of Swedish plant milk company Sproud; launched Maya's Iced Matcha drink and been named global brand ambassador for make-up giant Rimmel London. "There's definitely a sense that Maya isn't interested in standing still," the source said.

"She's achieved an enormous amount and, naturally, the question becomes, 'What does the next chapter look like?'.

"It is no secret that Maya wants to do more in America and this new relationship with Soki will take everything to the next level."

Soki graduated from London's Central Saint Martins arts college and worked as a fashion assistant for the late British designer Vivienne Westwood. A bio on her website says her work, "blurs the line between image-making and storytelling".

Soki has worked with a string of famous clients, including Kylie Jenner's ex and US rapper Travis Scott, socialite Paris Hilton, singer Lizzo and Baywatch star Pamela Anderson.

Speaking to Vogue magazine, Soki said of working with the famous Kardashian: ""When I first opened the DM from Kim, I thought it was a fake profile. We collaborated on a couple of projects together before the All's Fair opportunity came around."

Maya's appearance at The Gentleman premiere will be her first red carpet outing since splitting from Manchester City footballer Ruben Dias in April.

A source said: "Maya wants to look a million dollars on the red carpet and this is her moment to show off her break-up glow-up."

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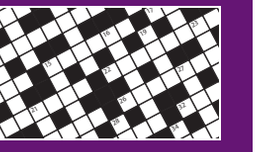

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TV AND LISTINGS PULLOUT

SUMMER isn't over yet – but as someone with chronically dry lips, I'm already prepping for winter to avoid sore, chapped skin. This week, I put three lip masks to the test.

you BEAUTY

with TARA LEDDEN

budget

HABI Strawberry Swirl Lip Sleep Mask, £5 for 20g, boots.com: There's no avoiding the fact this is meant to be a dupe for the cult Laneige lip mask – which is an immediate red flag. As is the flavour – I'd not normally reach for something so sweet.

In the name of bargain hunting, I tried it anyway, and I was pleasantly surprised. Shea butter and vitamin E make it intensely nourishing, and the thick formula stays put overnight, but the flavour is just too sweet for me.

mid-range

Tocobo Vita Glazed Lip Mask, £16 for 20ml, boots.com: Tocobo has quickly become one of my favourite K-beauty brands for its fun but seriously hard-working products.

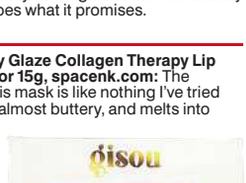
This mask might be the best product in the line-up.

With a combination of PHAs – a super-gentle exfoliating acid to slough away dead skin – alongside vitamin E and a mixture of fruit oils, it's one of the only overnight masks that actually does what it promises.

luxury

Gisou Honey Glaze Collagen Therapy Lip Mask, £24 for 15g, spacenk.com: The texture of this mask is like nothing I've tried before – it's almost buttery, and melts into skin on application, leaving a subtle plumping shine behind.

The texture means you can use it both overnight and during the day as a lip balm, as it layers well with other products. A little goes a really long way, which makes the price tag easier to justify.



pick of the week

I REALLY don't believe in paying more for beauty products than you need to.

There's so many brands out there, you can almost always find what you're looking for at an affordable price point.

But the new K18 HAIR Future IQ™ Biomimetic Hair Longevity Serum, £110, is more than worth the splurge.

In just three months of use, it promises 19,000 extra hairs, and 70 per cent of users saw fewer greys too – so if you're after thicker, fuller hair and want to keep greys at bay, there's nothing else like it on the market.

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TASTY, tangy tomatoes are in everything from salads to sauces, pizzas to pasta.

They are a cost-effective kitchen staple that can add a wonderful boost of flavour and vitamin goodness to any meal.

Today, AMY SHEPPARD shares four tomato-based recipes from her new book, Speedy 10, serialised exclusively this month in The Sun on Sunday . . .

Recipes for the tomato purist...

Sun ON SUNDAY FOOD

Cheesy sausage marinara rolls

AMY SAYS: "This is a really speedy way to make a meatball marinara. The sausages add so much more flavour than beef meatballs and the maple syrup gives it a lovely smoky sweetness. You can have the filling in a sub if you prefer, but I find the soft butteriness of the brioche rolls goes really well with the sauce."

Serves 4 (makes 6–8 rolls)

Prep: 8 minutes
Cook: 20 minutes
YOU NEED:
Oil, for frying
450g Cumberland sausages
1 onion, finely chopped
1 red pepper, deseeded and finely chopped
6–8 brioche buns, split
12–16 slices of Gouda cheese
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
2 tsp balsamic vinegar
1 tbsp maple syrup
400g garlic and herb passata
½ tsp chilli flakes
2 tsp mixed Italian herbs
30g finely grated Parmesan cheese
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

METHOD: Preheat the oven to 180C fan.

Take the sausage meat out of the skin and tear into 8 pieces. Stir-fry with the onion and pepper over a medium heat for 7 minutes. You may need to drain the fat a couple of times if there's a lot.

> "Maple syrup gives the marinara a lovely smoky sweetness"

Slice the buns and, cut side up, put on baking tray. Add a slice of Gouda to each top and bottom half of the bun. (If the slices of Gouda are large, fold them in half.) Bake for 5 minutes, until the cheese has melted and the brioche is starting to crisp.

Meanwhile, add garlic, vinegar and syrup to the sausage mix. Fry for 2 minutes, stirring, then add the passata, chilli and herbs. Simmer for 5 minutes until the sausage is cooked. Stir in the Parmesan and season. Divide the filling into the buns. Serve with salad and/or fries.

tips & swaps

ADD some fresh torn basil leaves at the end for extra flavour, or chopped spinach to increase the greens.

If you don't have maple syrup, just use honey.

Jammy tomato and cheese flatbreads

AMY SAYS: "Easy, yeast-free red pesto breads topped with cream cheese and sweet, garlicky tomatoes – such a great combination. You can use this dough for pizza bases too. It works so well if you are short on time and ingredients."

Serves 4
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
YOU NEED:
For the flatbreads
440g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
1 tsp baking powder
250ml water
2 tbsp red pesto
1 tbsp olive oil, plus a little extra to drizzle
1 tsp salt
For the topping
Oil, for frying
400g vine cherry tomatoes, pulled off the vine
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
2 tbsp honey
1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
10 fresh basil leaves, coarsely chopped, plus extra for garnish
150g garlic and herb soft cheese (such as Boursin – or soft goat's cheese if you prefer)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
METHOD: Preheat the oven to 200C fan. Line a baking tray with baking paper. To make the flatbreads, mix all the ingredients together and knead for a few seconds, until you have a smooth, round ball of dough.

Divide into 4 equal-sized balls. With your hands, press them into 1cm-thick ovals (about 20cm) on a floured surface.

Transfer the flatbreads to the lined tray. Drizzle with a little extra olive oil and bake for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile add a drizzle of oil to a pan and fry the tomatoes, whole, over a medium heat for five minutes. Shake the pan to move them around.

Add the garlic, honey and vinegar, season then fry for 3 minutes, until the tomatoes have started to fall apart and the sauce is thick and sticky.

Stir in the basil.

Divide and spread the soft cheese between the four cooked flatbreads, top with the tomatoes, basil and black pepper.

Serve with salad.

tips & swaps

SWAP the plain flour for self-raising if you prefer a more doughy flatbread.

The baked flatbreads freeze really well. Once cooled, put them in an airtight container.

with AMY SHEPPARD

Tomato and chorizo dough-ball bake

Amy says: "My eldest son, Elliot, has been one of the many tasters of the recipes in this book. There are so many of the dinners from here that he requests regularly, but none as much as this one. It's hands down his favourite dinner and I swear if I made it every night, he'd happily eat it."

Serves 4
Prep: 7 minutes
Cook: 16 minutes
YOU NEED:
30g butter
1 teaspoon garlic paste
1 tsp dried parsley
16 shop-bought doughballs
Oil, for frying
1 yellow and 1 red pepper, deseeded and thickly sliced
1 red onion, finely sliced
1 tbsp brown sugar
1 tbsp tomato puree
200g chorizo ring, cut into 1.5 cm slices
400g passata
½ × 400g can black beans, drained

70g fresh spinach leaves, roughly chopped
1 tsp dried mixed Italian herbs
½ tsp garlic granules
1 tsp dried thyme
100g grated Cheddar cheese
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
METHOD: Melt the butter in a large non-stick frying pan. Stir in the garlic, parsley and dough balls. Fry for 2 minutes over a medium heat, shaking the pan regularly until light golden brown in colour. Remove from the pan and set aside.

Add a little oil to the butter in the pan. Stir-fry peppers and onion for 5 minutes, until softened. Add the sugar and puree for the final minute.

Preheat the grill.

Stir the chorizo, passata, beans, spinach, herbs, garlic granules and thyme into the pan. Fill the passata jar with 120ml of water. Put the lid on and shake. Add to the pan, season and simmer for 3–5 minutes, until the sauce thickens.

Pour the sauce into an ovenproof dish. Place the doughballs on top and cover with cheese. Grill for 5 minutes, until the cheese has melted.

Serve with salad.

tips & swaps

ADD a little green pesto to the burrata before whipping to give it even more of a punchy basil flavour. Use best-quality canned cherry tomatoes. They will make a huge difference to the flavour.

Burrata and tomato penne

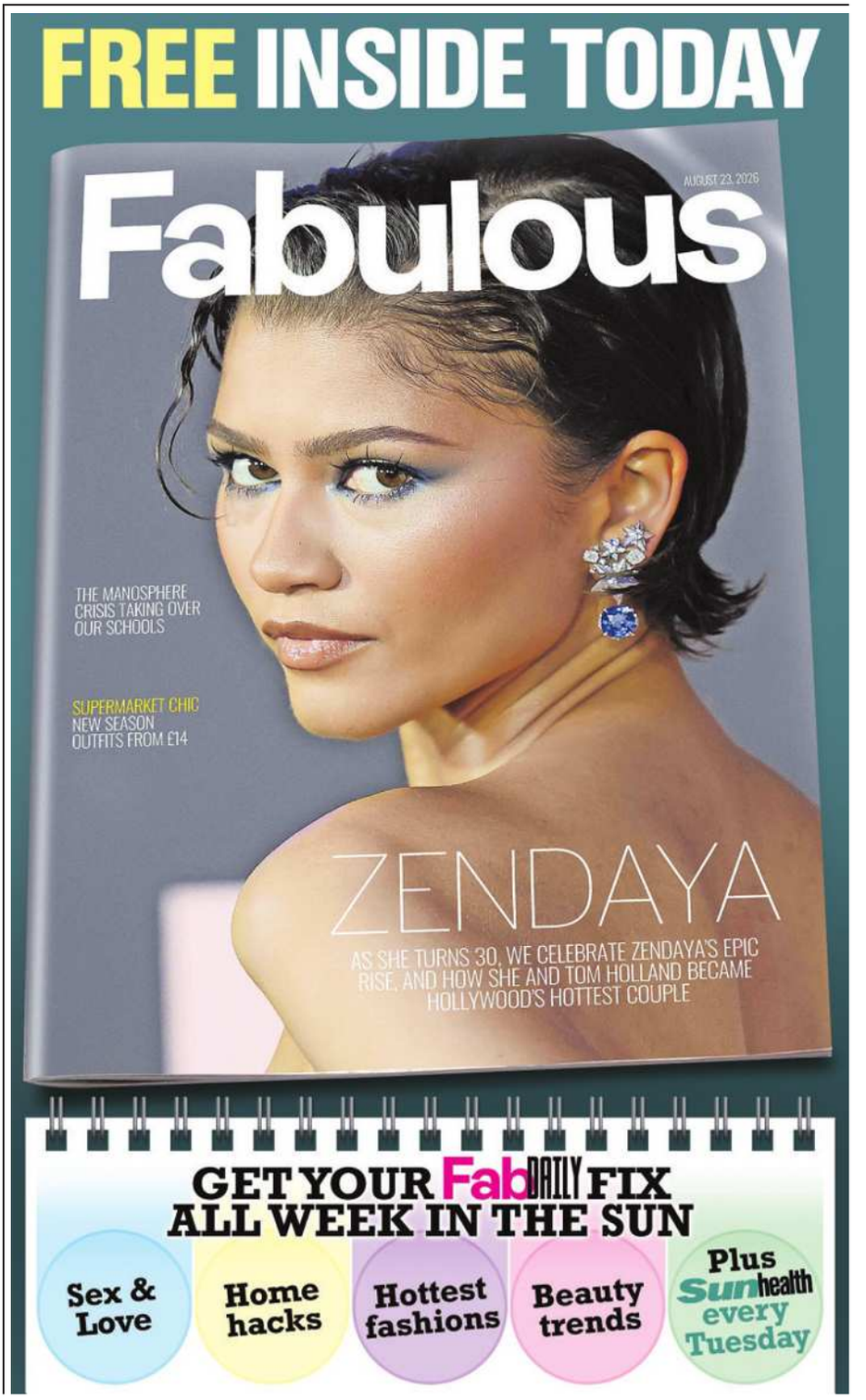
AMY SAYS: "I wrote this recipe after I came back from a holiday in France. All I ate when I was there was tomato salad made with those big, sweet Mediterranean tomatoes, creamy burrata, balsamic vinegar and fresh basil. But once summer turns to autumn it's no longer salads we want, so this is my super-creamy, super-comforting pasta version for the months ahead."

Serves 4
Prep: 10 minutes
Cook: 15 minutes
YOU NEED:
400g dried penne
Oil, for frying
1 onion, finely chopped
1 tbsp honey
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
2 tsp balsamic vinegar
2 x 400g cans cherry tomatoes, drained
2 x 150g balls of burrata
2 tbsp milk
20 fresh basil leaves, chopped, plus extra to serve
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
METHOD: Boil the pasta until al dente. Meanwhile stir-fry the onion for 5 minutes then add honey, garlic and balsamic vinegar. Bring to the boil and simmer for 2 minutes.

Add the drained tomatoes and gently squash them with the back of a spoon. Season and simmer for 3 minutes, stirring occasionally, then take off the heat.

Tear the burrata and blend together with the milk. Season then mix in half the basil with the burrata, and the other half into the tomatoes.

Drain the pasta and mix with the burrata sauce. Divide into four bowls then top with the tomatoes and more fresh basil.



CURB ON PENSIONS PERK

WORKERS could lose out on hundreds of pounds under Labour's plans to reduce salary sacrifice.

The Government is set to impose a £2,000-a-year cap on the amount workers can pay into their workplace pensions under the scheme before they need to pay tax.

Salary sacrifice is an agreement where your employer reduces your pay and puts the money into your workplace pension, which reduces the National Insurance you both pay and the income tax you owe. Former Chancellor Rachel Reeves said the cap will start in April 2029, in an effort to stop higher earners benefiting more.

Workers are predicted to take a bigger hit from the change than expected, according to a Freedom of Information request by Bowmore Wealth Group.

It is thought businesses will pay some £3billion of the tax costs, while workers will pay £468million through higher National Insurance contributions. HMRC said last year the average worker would pay £84 a year more in National Insurance.

But former pensions minister Sir Steve Webb said workers would pay more of the National Insurance cost than official figures stated.

He said: "Employers will see a huge increase in their costs and will try to recover this money by squeezing pay rises. Workers could end up hundreds of pounds a year out of pocket."

The Treasury said: "Our reforms protect 95 per cent of workers earning under £30,000 using salary sacrifice."

EMILY MEE

COUNCIL TAX SUPERHIKES

HOUSEHOLDS under six local authorities could be hit with the largest council tax rises ever – some paying £800 more a year.

The town halls looking to bump up rates are mostly in London – Wandsworth, Westminster, Kensington and Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham, and City of London – but also Windsor and Maidenhead.

Some are eyeing up hikes of up to 160 per cent.

Councils usually have tax rises capped at five per cent, unless they hold a local referendum.

But the Government has given these six permission to go beyond that threshold for two years.

This is because they have historically had lower bills, and now changes to central government funding mean they face severe shortfalls.

Conservative-held Wandsworth Council is reportedly discussing whether to increase council tax by as much as 160 per cent in April. This would cost an extra £800 a year for residents in average Band D properties, who currently pay the lowest council tax in England at £1,020 a year.

Westminster Council is considering a rise of 100 per cent, which would ramp up the average bill by more than £500 a year.

Hammersmith and Fulham, the City of London, Kensington and Chelsea, and Windsor and Maidenhead have been given the green light to put up bills by more than five per cent, but it has not been confirmed how far they will go.

EMILY MEE

Got money worries? We can help. Email us at **money@the-sun.co.uk** or write to **Sun Money, News UK, 1 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9GF**

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KIDS GOING OUT INTO THE BIG WIDE WORLD?

Give 'em a flying the nest start

(Whatever your budget)

HERE WE GO . . . use your cash wisely to give kids a great start when leaving home

By MEL HUNTER

AS college leavers start an exciting new chapter in their lives, families want to mark the milestone.

Many have saved money over the years to give them the best possible start to adulthood.

Whether your budget is £10 or £1,000, there are ways to help set them up for life . . .

IF YOU HAVE UP TO £50

JUST a £10 book that encourages someone to start investing, avoid debt or negotiate their salary could be worth thousands over a lifetime. The Psychology of Money by Morgan Housel, from £8.49, has sold more than ten million copies and remains a finance bestseller.

Will Rainey, a financial educator and author of kids' money book Frankie Fortune, says: "A book is an investment of your time, meaning there's a greater chance of taking action, compared to a short video or article you find online."

Want to spend less? Pick up second-hand copies on Amazon or at online site World of Books. We spotted The Psychology of Money for £3.50.

Another valuable lesson is giving young adults something to save. A bottle of wine with instructions to open it only after celebrating a major milestone teaches delayed gratification.

Will says: "Patience is a superpower when it comes to being financially healthy and wealthy."

If you have toys from their childhood gathering dust, pass them on as an investment.

Pokemon Cards, early Star Wars Lego sets and Tamagotchi "pets" were popular with Noughties kids and are likely to grow in value. A rare Tamagotchi Connexion Version 3 cost less than £20 originally but recently fetched £72 on eBay.

IF YOU HAVE £100

SETTING up someone for life can also mean showing them ways to budget. For something that lasts years and could save them more than £600, Sarah Coles, head of personal finance at AJ Bell, suggests a three-year 16-25 Railcard.

It costs £80 but you save £25 compared with buying the £35 annual Railcard each year. It gives a third off most rail fares, saving an average of £212 a year.

Sarah says of your children: "Once they're in charge of their own budget, they will probably find it very difficult to stretch to that sort of thing."

But hold off if they're setting up a student bank account, as the Santander Edge four-year student account includes a free four-year 16-25 Railcard, worth £115, along with an interest-free £1,500 overdraft and £20 cash.

With around £100 to spend, you could do a lot worse than a home contents insurance policy, says Sarah.

An average student's policy costs around £75 for the year, according to MoneySuperMarket.

"They may not love you for it, but they could thank you further down the line," Sarah says.

Check if they're covered on your own household insurance first, so you don't double up.

IF YOU HAVE £300

FOR this budget, you can help them build skills for life. A course – DIY, vehicle maintenance or something professional – could save or make them money for decades. Search options at local adult education services, further education colleges and City & Guilds centres.

A ten-week evening course in DIY skills at Macclesfield College, in Cheshire, costs £180.

Travel can also be an investment, teaching independence and budgeting. The most popular under-27s Interrail pass for seven days' travel in a month is £245.

Buying a camping kit could set young adults up for years of low-cost travel. Will says: "It's a great way to show the best experiences aren't always about luxury."

Those heading off to noisy universities will thank you for noise-cancelling headphones, says Rajan Lakhani, head of money at financial app Plum.

Apple AirPods Pro 3 are a Which? best buy at £199 with a two-year guarantee at John Lewis with student discount. Best under £100, according to Which?, are JBL Tune 780NC, currently £69.99 at Argos.

IF YOU HAVE £1,000

ANOTHER great investment is driving lessons. While passing your test costs an average of £1,500, including around 40 lessons from £35 each, getting a licence pays off. Sarah says: "Being able to drive adds to your CV, and if you're somewhere with poor public transport it widens your opportunities. It could make tens of thousands of pounds worth of difference to your career."

A decent laptop is also essential for most to study, apply for jobs or start a business. The Apple's new more affordable one is the MacBook Neo – usually £699, but £599 with a student discount – and plenty of other decent laptops cost far less.

For any tech, compare prices, check deals on the Idealo app, and consider refurbished models with warranties. Buy only the spec you need, trade in any old devices and hunt down cashback offers.

AN ISA WILL MAKE FUTURE NICER

ONE of the best things to do with a financial gift to your child is to help them develop a savings habit. From the age of 18, they can open an ISA, saving up to £20,000 a year tax-free – and a bit of cash to kickstart the habit is worthwhile, no matter the amount.

A Lifetime ISA and a standard ISA both offer tax-free growth. A LISA suits first-home or retirement savings.

Rajan Lakhani, at financial app Plum, says: "Alongside the interest offered by your provider and the tax benefits of an ISA, they will also get a 25 per cent government bonus on savings of up to £4,000 a year."

A standard ISA offers easier access for university costs or emergencies. There's no government bonus, but all growth is tax-free – and many young adults make the most of both. You can save a maximum of £20,000 a year in total across both ISAs.

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Paws & Claws

STAR of the WEEK

YOU'VE heard of the flower pot men, now meet the flower pot cat!

Marji the rescue cat loves a spot on the sofa, but also has a favourite plant pot at her home in Sheffield.

Owners Tim and Julie Clew, who rescued her ten years ago, said: "We adopted Marji from the Sheffield Cats' Shelter when she was about one.

"We don't know anything about her former life, but she's wary of people, which is a shame because she's very sweet and people do keep trying to befriend her.

"She does like to cuddle up to us, but only on her own strict rules!

"What she does love, though, is an old plant pot on our driveway – it gets full sun on a nice day and she curls up."

WIN

Dog ice cream cake and bundle from Dog & Bond

THE award-winning make-at-home dog treats company Dog & Bond are offering two readers the chance to win an ice cream, treat and cake mix bundle worth £125.

Goodies include cinnamon apple treats and peanut butter doggy ice cream.

To win, send an email headed DOG&BOND to sunday pets@the-sun.co.uk by September 3. See dogandbond.com T&Cs apply.

Can pooch eat garlic?

A REMEDY TO SNIFF AT

IS it OK to feed garlic to dogs?

I've read it's good for immune support and improved circulation, but someone said you have to feed it raw and not cooked? What do you advise?

JANE ARMSTRONG, Chester

■**Sean says:** I'd steer clear. Garlic is often promoted online as a natural health supplement for humans, but it belongs to the allium family alongside onions, leeks and chives, all of which can be toxic to dogs.

In sufficient quantities, they can damage red blood cells and lead to anaemia, and there's no good evidence that feeding raw garlic provides meaningful health benefits that outweigh the risks.

To support your dog's immune system naturally, you're better focusing on a balanced diet, maintaining a healthy weight, regular exercise and preventative veterinary care.

DO horses laugh? I go to a riding school and one in particular seems to chuckle at times.

Is this possible? Could horses have a sense of humour like us?

CATH WOOD, Horsham, West Sussex

■**Sean says:** Every horse owner has met one that seems to have a wicked sense of humour.

Scientifically, we don't have evidence that horses laugh in the same way humans do, but they certainly play, form friendships and show individual personalities.

They communicate through their ears, eyes, posture and facial expressions, and some seem remarkably good at getting up to mischief.

But if your favourite seems to grin after pinching a grooming brush, I'd say it's probably confidence, curiosity and personality rather than laughter.

SHOULD I let my tortoise Reggie live out in the garden for summer with his tortoise house?

My sister used to, but I have inherited him and, while the space is secure, I wonder if I should bring him in at night. What do you think?

HELEN MATLAND, Bexley, Kent

■**Sean says:** For Mediterranean tortoises, a secure outdoor enclosure in summer is often the healthiest option because nothing beats natural sunshine for shell growth and vitamin D.

Reggie's tortoise house should provide shelter from rain, wind and predators, but I'd still keep an eye on overnight temperatures.

If they drop significantly or it is cold and damp for prolonged periods, bringing him indoors overnight is sensible. Having indoor housing provision as back-up is vital. This should include a full-spectrum UV bulb as well as a heat lamp. There's great advice on the Tortoise Trust and British Chelonia Group websites.

Pet VET SEAN McCORMACK

HE is on a mission to help our pets . . . and is here to answer YOUR questions. Sean, who is the head vet at tailored pet food firm Tails.com, has helped with owners' queries for ten years.

He says: "If your pet is acting funny or is under the weather, or you want to know about nutrition or exercise, just ask. I can help keep pets happy and healthy."

Send your questions for the Pet Vet to **vet@the-sun.co.uk**

MY 16-month-old cockapoo Bonnie has just finished her season.

Now, she is refusing to go on her 6am walks and snarls at me if I bring her lead over. She will come out in the afternoon, but only wants to sleep in her crate each morning.

Nothing ever happened on the walk to scare her, so I don't understand.

FRANK LANGAN, Peterborough, Cambs

Sean says: Because this behaviour appeared quite suddenly after Bonnie's season, I'd be less inclined to think it's stubbornness and more concerned there's an underlying reason.

Hormonal changes can temporarily affect behaviour, but pain, discomfort or even a phantom pregnancy could also explain why she wants to stay in her crate each morning.

The fact she's happy to walk later in the day is an interesting clue. I'd arrange a veterinary check-up to rule out any physical causes before approaching it as a behavioural issue.

If medical issues are ruled out first, you can find a local behaviourist by searching online for APBC, CCAB and ABTC, the accrediting bodies.

HELP DOGS BEAT THE HEAT BY FORAGING

BRITAIN'S record-breaking summer may be welcomed by sunseekers, but the relentless heat is creating a very different challenge for the nation's dogs.

Canine expert Andrew Hale says foraging games provide a satisfying way to combat boredom if it's too hot for walkies.

He said: "Dogs experience much of their world through their noses. Giving them an opportunity to search, sniff and forage can provide meaningful mental stimulation without the physical exertion.

"It allows dogs to make choices, solve a problem and engage in a behaviour which comes naturally."

There are a number of products on the market, including the Pet Remedy Boredom Buster Foraging Kit, which has pockets where treats can be concealed. There's also dog puzzle boards from stores including Pets At Home. Or if you're on a budget, you can hide treats in boxes or loosely folded towels.

Andy said: "Enrichment should not feel like an exam. The aim is to make the activity achievable for a dog for the first time.

"Start simply and allow them to build up slowly."

Find out more at petremedy.co.uk

COOL . . . dog fun

Mystic Meg

with MAGGIE HYDE

ARIES March 21 – April 20

You're forever on the go but jobs you haven't done will be there later. A partner or friends want to be with you, not with the hassles you worry about. Let your most important goal be to enjoy life more. Use time to do a task you've been putting off. The kindness of strangers and someone's generosity amazes you.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

You're a practical person but this week, ups and downs strike the deepest emotional chord. Talking honestly with someone close puts life into perspective. A glamorous opportunity isn't that good so if you have doubts, give it a miss. Your best day to be with a loved one is the 29th.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

You can't get into gear with summer heat but loved ones cut you slack to do essential jobs. You're hoping to escape to fun abroad but move quickly for something last minute and hit the shops for a holiday spend. Work is demanding but don't let it exhaust you. A partner has delightful news on the 27th.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

Just had days of holiday bliss? If you indulged too much, get out and do something physical, even if it's just gardening. A partner has more responsibility, especially with parents or property, and you're sucked into his or her concerns. Give support, but don't sacrifice your activities. You've plenty of irons in the fire.

LEO July 23 – August 23

You can go over the top planning a special event but you're not done yet. A partner or individual you can't say no to has something to celebrate, and you'll make it memorable. Be good to yourself when the Sun is eclipsed on the 28th if your energy is low. A lucky win or good news about a child restores your spirit.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

Holidays are tiring if you're the one organising them, so make time to do your own thing. Read, peel the odd grape, and plan future family activities. An issue with kids and money needs careful thought. Your know-how about art and crafts creates improvements at home and gives you earning opportunities.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

Self-discipline is good for your shaky bank balance. You don't need an update or a luxury that's way too expensive. Second-guessing how someone feels has only made you go round in circles but now confessions from a loved one stir you up and it's hard to respond. Honest talk is best so make feelings known.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

You're feeling so energetic but re-plan events if loved ones suddenly need your help to finish a job. Money is amazing when you or a partner discover you have more than you thought. No complaints there, then! Neighbours or visiting relatives can wind you up with their future plans but try not to overreact.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

Foreign arrangements might fall through if someone is hard up or catches a bug but you can still get away with a partner or friend who's keen on mountains. Nature gives you a sense of wonder so write, paint, cook, or do whatever floats your boat. A big home change is needed soon, so start planning it now.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

Pushy Mars makes you restless and you're in a stop-go mood with a project or job. It won't work if you cut corners but just get it done asap. A friend's romantic antics tantalise you, and you wonder whether your own relationship needs more spice. A few romantic evenings wouldn't go amiss.

AQUARIUS January 21 –February 18

You're pleased to have more time to yourself but decisions loom. Make a clean break if you're thinking of leaving a job or project – waiting won't help. If you're OK for cash lately, treat yourself to techno-gear, a new tablet or gadgets that need updating. A surprise change at work brings more independence.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

Make the most of summer days to visit friends and day-trip to new places. You've wanted something for months and it could happen suddenly. Friends may have brought difficulties on themselves but sympathise and have them to dinner. All week, money has a mind of its own but right now, you don't care!

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Used car specialist

Q&A

Send your questions to motors@the-sun.co.uk

Q I AM thinking about upgrading my Renault Captur to a more upmarket SUV of a similar size. I have looked at a BMW X1, Audi Q2 and Lexus LBX. What would you recommend?

KEVIN GLOVER

A Well, in that luxury class of compact SUVs, you should also look at a Volvo XC40, a Mercedes GLA and a Range Rover Evoque. But you've got strong choices there. I like the BMW for its sporty drive and the Volvo for its feeling of understated luxury. But the Lexus would be a strong shout as they're so damn reliable. Any of the others would be fine enough, but I reckon the X1 or XC40 would be best.

Q I WAS looking to buy a used Land Rover privately and spotted a button on the dashboard which had a little graphic of a 4x4 going down a slope. The former owner didn't know what it was for and said they had never used it. Can you tell me its function?

DEREK RAINES

A That's Hill Descent Control, or HDC. It's a clever system that maintains a set (low) pace when going down very steep hills off-road, without the driver having to touch either the accelerator or brake – allowing them to instead focus on picking the correct line in difficult terrain and letting the car control the safe speed of descent. So unless you're ever going to use your preferred Land Rover off-road, then you don't have to worry about it.

Q OUR family is expanding in size soon and we are looking for an efficient seven-seater. Our budget is about £12,000, so what would you recommend?

ELLIS WILLIAMS

A If you want something SUV-shaped, I'd look at the Hyundai Santa Fe, an excellent family machine. But the best bet is an older MPV, the best of which is the Citroen Grand C4 Picasso (later called the C4 SpaceTourer, but those may not be in your budget range yet as the switch only happened in 2019). It's great to look at but the interior has been properly thought-out to help harassed parents, while it's a comfortable vehicle to drive.

READER'S CAR OF THE WEEK

A BRITISH bruiser this week, courtesy of Michael Adams from Bangor, in County Down.

He tells me: "This is my 2007 Jaguar XK 4.2 Coupe. It's in unbelievable condition for a 19-year-old car with only 60,000 miles on it. My very last bucket-list car. I always wanted to own one but the numerous examples I viewed just didn't tick all the boxes until I found this baby.

"Living the dream."

● **Send pictures of your beloved motor, with details, to motors@the-sun.co.uk.**

THREE GOOD ROVERS UNDER £6k

2005 (05) Rover 25 1.4 GSi 5dr, 73k, £1,995, LSB Car Sales, Upper Bucklebury, Berks (lsbcarsales.co.uk): You need not worry that Rover is no longer a going concern – parts supply remains strong in a dedicated network. Thus, this 2,000-quid 25 hatch would make a great runaround.

2000 (W) Rover 75 2.5 V6 Connoisseur SE 4dr, 48k, £3,750, private seller, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs (via autotrader.co.uk): The 75 is seen as one of the best-riding cars of all time, so it's a sound second-hand buy. Ticks a lot of boxes: 2.5 V6, high spec, low miles, classic colour.

2000 (W) Rover Mini 1.3i Cooper 2dr, £5,950, 48k, New Town Cars Ltd, Chesham, Bucks (newtowngarage.com): You wouldn't believe what people are asking for last-of-the-line Minis – sometimes £20k and more. This one needs minor TLC but it's six bags, and looks solid.

ORCHESTRAL MANOEUVRES

WE know the first electric Bentley will be fast.

Because it shares many parts with the 1,156hp Porsche Cayenne Turbo.

What we didn't know is that it uses the sounds from an ORCHESTRA to replace the traditional V8 roar.

Boss Frank Walliser said: "Just to record a V8 and bring it in the car would be wrong. So we had another idea.

"We worked with world-renowned musicians and real instruments to craft an entirely new sound – responsive, visceral – a soundtrack with soul."

The luxury SUV is called Torcal, after a stacked limestone rock formation in Andalusia, and will be revealed in London on September 23. Jaguar will unveil its controversial Type 01 in New York on October 6.

OMODA and Jaecoo have chalked up 100,000 sales in just two years here. It took Chinese rival BYD three years. Jaecoo 7, *pictured*, is Britain's third best-selling car. Chery, Geely and Leapmotor are also growing fast.

DON'T MISS motors EVERY THURSDAY

TRIED & TESTED with JANE ATKINSON

AS the August bank holiday looms, one in three of us are likely to drink more booze than on an ordinary weekend.

But cutting out alcohol can help with sleep, body weight, skin and mental health.

Incorporating some booze-free days into your weekly routine can provide your body with essential time to repair.

Today, I look at alcohol-free wines, beers and cocktails . . .

WINE

MODERATO is France's leading alcohol-free wine.

It is made by traditional methods, before alcohol is removed so the finished product contains less than 0.5 per cent by volume.

Moderato makes a red, rosé, sparkling and white – the Moderato Cuvee Revolutionnaire Colombard, which I had a chance to sample and very much enjoyed.

It's hard to find an alcohol-free white wine without a hint of Shloer about it but this wasn't fruity pop, it had a decent amount of acidity – and seven times fewer calories than its alcoholic counterpart.

A bottle of Moderato costs from £12.75 at majestic.co.uk

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Sun ON SUNDAY

SORE POINT . . . summer foot issues

How to save your feet after summer in sandals

By NATASHA HARDING

FROM sand between your toes and long country walks to hours of wedding dancing, summer can be great for the soul – but hard on the soles.

Foot problems can flare up in the warmer months due to a mixture of factors.

Higher temperatures cause blood vessels to widen and make fluid pool in your feet, ankles and calves, causing aching pains and swelling that makes your shoes feel tight.

Many of us swap to sandals, and although they are cooler, most of them offer little support.

Flat shoes make your Achilles tendons and calf muscles work harder, which can lead to strain or injury over long periods.

We also tend to be more active generally in the summer than in winter – when we are cosied up indoors – leaving our feet simply exhausted.

The result is that millions of people suffer from trouble with their trotters – and also their ankles, knees and legs, as they are all so closely linked.

Physiotherapist Jemima Kola-Abodunde, from healthcare company Hesta Health, says: "Conditions such as plantar fasciitis and tendon problems can take several months to improve significantly.

"Simple self-management strategies can be hugely beneficial in looking after your legs and feet."

Jemima tells Sun Health it is better to prevent issues from happening than to manage them.

But if you're hobbling around now, try these six exercises.

If pains stick around for more than a few weeks, get them checked out.

WOBBLY BALANCE

BALANCE is vital as we age, preventing falls – a major cause of morbidity in old age.

It starts in the calves and feet. Persistent or worsening stiffness, especially with suspected arthritis, should be assessed rather than self-managed indefinitely.

● **Single-leg stance:** Stand near a wall or counter for support if needed. Lift one foot slightly off the floor and try to hold your balance on the standing leg for 20 to 30 seconds, then switch sides. Repeat two to three times per leg.

● **Calf raises:** Stand with your feet hip-width apart, push up on to your toes and slowly lower back down. Repeat up to 15 times and aim for three sets.

NIGHT CRAMPS

TIGHT calves are one of the most common triggers for those miserable leg cramps and spasms in the night.

If you also have Achilles tendon pain, calf tightness is often part of that picture.

Regularly stretching your calves can improve ankle flexibility, reduce muscle tension and prevent injuries.

● **Calf stretches:** Place your hands flat against a wall in front of you, at about shoulder height. For the upper calf, place one foot straight behind you, heel on the floor and leg straight.

Bend the front leg and lean forward until you feel the stretch in the back leg calf.

For the lower calf, in the same position, keep both heels on the floor and bend both knees until you feel the stretch toward your Achilles tendon.

Do each exercise for 15 to 30 seconds per leg, and repeat the entire set two to four times.

HEEL PAIN

PLANTAR fasciitis is the most common cause of ongoing foot pain, mostly in the heel.

The tough, ligament-like tissue

See Tuesday's Sun for THREE PAGES of health

BEER

SOMETIMES there's nothing better than a nice cool beer in the sunshine.

But if you're looking after your health, opting for one with zero alcohol can make a big difference.

Your general can of IPA contains about 200 calories but alcohol-free beers from a company called Mash Gang can start at just 56 calories per can.

I tried their Journey Juice. which is a bit bolder and fruitier than your traditional alcohol-free lager.

It had a lovely fizz about it, tasting like a sort of grown-up Lilt.

And it packs just 59 calories.

Swap a few of those over your bank holiday and you could make a real difference to your health – not to mention your waistline.

From £2.25 a can, see mashgang.com

COCKTAIL

BEL NADA are alcohol-free aperitifs and there are three fabulous offerings in the range.

There's gin alternative Le Botanique, and rum swap L'Epice, but the one I loved is called L'Aperitivo which is described as a vibrant "floral spritz alternative with grapefruit, rosé, lavender, and rosemary".

It reminded me of Aperol, and with a bit of prosecco it tasted amazing.

If I wanted to go totally dry, I could have obviously used just the alcohol-free variety, but even with using half alcohol-free I was saving calories and being a bit healthier.

And there's a big difference. The Bel Nada is 72 calories per 100ml while the Aperol comes in at 220.

A great swap.

A 700ml bottle is £29 from belnada.co.uk

HEALTH+

Edited by **LIZZIE PARRY**

'Simple self-management strategies can be hugely beneficial'

A STEP FORWARD . . . band stretches can ease pain in the heel

FOOT FIXES

AS well as gentle stretching, these options could help too:

- Wear shoes with arch support: Alternate between flat shoes and supportive shoes with a slight heel rather than making a total switch.
- A non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug like ibuprofen, as well as topical gels like diclofenac, can help reduce pain and swelling. They should not be taken in combination without checking with a pharmacist, or as a long-term solution.
- Foam rolling can break up tiny scars, improve blood flow and enhance mobility. Mini rollers are available specifically for feet.
- Rolling a frozen water bottle under your foot is an effective home remedy used to relieve arch pain, heel discomfort and inflammation.
- Some people also find magnesium helpful for relaxing tight muscles and easing cramps, though the evidence here is mixed.

– the plantar fascia – runs along the bottom of the foot to connect the toes to the heel.

Irritation to the ligament is often triggered by poor footwear and an increase in activity.

● **Band stretches:** Sit on the floor with both legs straight out in front of you. Loop a resistance band or towel around either heel and slowly pull it towards you. Hold the stretch for 30 seconds, then do the other heel. Repeat up to three times a day per foot.

● **Ball rolls:** These relieve tight muscles and ligaments and boost blood flow. Sit on a chair and place a small, firm ball such as a tennis ball under your foot.

Slowly roll the ball back and forth from your heel to the base of your toes for up to five minutes. Keep the pressure light, before slowly increasing the intensity, then repeat for the other foot. If very painful, skip until it settles.

SHIN SPLINTS

SHARP pain at the front of the lower leg indicates shin splints, a common summer complaint.

They can result from suddenly increasing the amount you exercise, as well as having flat feet, overpronation – when your foot rolls inward too much as you walk – tight calves or Achilles tendons, or weak ankles.

One of the best things you can do for this problem is to strengthen the muscle that controls how your foot lowers after each step, the tibialis anterior, which runs down the front of your shin.

● **Resisted toe raises:** Sit or stand with your heels on the floor, then lift just your toes and the front of your foot up towards your shin, then lower slowly. Add a resistance band over the top of the foot to make it harder. Repeat ten to 15 times, for two to three sets.

ASK Dr Zoe

Expert advice from Dr Zoe Williams, our resident specialist and NHS GP

Q NOW I am 55 and haven't had a period for five years my doctor has asked me to come off the mini-pill.

My FSH levels are 46, suggesting I've reached menopause. Do I need contraception? It is really important for me not to become pregnant.

I've not had menopause symptoms, but have disturbed sleep due to needing a pee every couple of hours, achy breasts, brain fog, irritability and tearfulness.

A Once you reach 55 natural pregnancy is exceptionally rare. Your FSH of 46 also supports that you are likely to be menopausal. But because you say it is important not to become pregnant, ask your GP or sexual health clinic to confirm this in your own records for reassurance.

Getting up to pass urine every couple of hours at night is worth discussing separately.

It can be linked to menopause-related changes in the bladder and vaginal tissues, but also for example urine infection, diabetes, drinking late in the evening, caffeine or overactive bladder.

Vaginal oestrogen can be very helpful for bladder and vaginal symptoms after menopause, and can usually be used even by women who do not want or cannot use full HRT.

Achy breasts can happen with hormone fluctuation, but any lumps, nipple change, one-sided persistent pain or skin change should be checked.

I would go back to your GP and ask for two things: firstly, confirmation that contraception can stop now you are 55; secondly, a menopause review focused on sleep, bladder symptoms, mood and whether vaginal oestrogen or HRT might be suitable.

EMAIL Dr ZOE health@thesun.co.uk

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TODAY'S TEASER

Call 0905 757 0156 for clues or solutions. Cost £1 per minute plus network access charge.

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6	4	2			8			
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TODAY'S TOUGHIE

Call 0905 757 0152 for clues or solutions. Cost £1 per minute plus network access charge.

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	7		3		9		6	

Calls cost £1 per minute from BT landlines plus network extras

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Teaser

7	3	2	1	4	6	9	8	5
1	4	5	9	8	2	7	6	3
8	6	9	3	5	7	4	1	2
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Toughie

2	5	3	7	1	8	6	9	4
7	8	4	6	9	3	1	5	2
9	6	1	4	2	5	7	8	3
8	2	7	1	5	4	3	6	9
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5	4	6	2	3	9	8	1	7
4	9	8	5	6	7	2	3	1
1	7	5	3	8	2	9	4	6
6	3	2	9	4	1	5	7	8

MINDBENDER

Carrot, ferret, horrid, hurrah, narrow, surrey

BRAINBOX

RICOCHET, GRADUATE, VARIABLE, FOURTEEN, BUTTRESS, KANGAROO, CUPBOARD, MAKEOVER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

DOWNTON Abbey's **JOANNE FROGGATT, 46**, *right*, Happy Mondays frontman **SHAUN RYDER, 64**, singer **LIANNE LA HAVAS, 37**, The Strokes' singer **JULIAN CASABLANCAS, 48**, Five's **RITCHIE NEVILLE, 47**, Cheers actor **SHELLEY LONG, 77**, tennis player **CAMERON NORRIE, 31**, and former Liverpool full-back **GLEN JOHNSON, 42**.

SUNDIAL

SEE how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word. You can make at least one word using all of them. Don't use the letters more than once in any word. No proper names or plurals ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary.

BRILLIANT: 42. EXCELLENT: 36. GOOD: 26. GREAT SCORE FOR KIDS: 20.

YESTERDAY: Beer, bevel, bled, bleed, bred, breed, breve, deer, delve, derv, elder, elver, ever, leer, leered, levee, lever, levered, rebel, reed, reel, reeled, reeve, releve, revel, veer, veered, verb, BELVEDERE.

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Calls for extra clues and answers last no longer than two minutes (Sundial answers may vary). Helpline: 0333 202 3390 (9am-5.30pm). Service provider: Spoke, W1T 4HD

SET SQUARE

Place each of the digits 1 to 9 in the grid to make the sums work. We've started you off with two numbers. Solve the calculations in order, left to right, or top to bottom.

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	+	9	−	1	= 10
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Sun SAKURO 1

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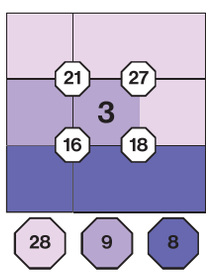

Sunday quizword

ACROSS

1 Method of stopping a vehicle (4,6)
6 Photographic device that softens light (8)
12 Major's successor as PM (5)
13 Japanese dish of fried fish or vegetables (7)
14 Synthetic resin used for craft and repair projects (5)
15 Dutch seat of government (3,5)
16 1937 AJ Cronin novel thought to be a factor in the setting up of the NHS (3,7)
18 First name of US actress Ms Goldberg (6)
20 Phoebe Waller-Bridge comedy drama (7)
22 Ms Taylor-Joy, actress (4)
25 Eminem's music genre (3)
26 Actress Ms Witherspoon (5)
27 Government by four people (9)
29 Crack army regiment (inits)(3)
30 Latin phrase meaning 'seize the day' (5,4)
31 Staffordshire university (5)
32 Knight's designation (3)
34 Golf or tennis championship (4)
36 Surname of Elf star Will (7)
37 Maldives' ocean (6)
40 Keyboard machine for writing in shorthand (10)
42 Surname of Andrew, Scottish-born American philanthropist (8)
45 Mr Schwarzenegger's nickname (5)
46 1990s US band fronted by Kurt Cobain (7)
47 Former capital of Japan (5)
49 High-speed train that links London and Paris (8)
50 Greek archipelago once grouped as twelve main islands (10)

DOWN

1 Subgenre of reggae (3)
2 Large round orange toy with handles (5,6)
3 Former name of Myanmar (5)
4 King of Camelot (6)
5 American TV award (4)
7 Biblical son of Abraham (5)
8 Former Ford supermini (6)
9 English name of the highest Welsh mountain (7)
10 British seaborne defence force (5,4)
11 Harold Wilson's predecessor as leader of the Labour Party (4,9)
15 Famous feature of Blackpool (5)
17 Cheshire town on the Manchester Ship Canal (9,4)
19 Surname of Clyde's partner Bonnie (6)
21 Pollen-bearing part of a stamen (6)
23 First British Number One hit for U2 in 1988 (6)
24 Famous Liverpool nightclub (6)
28 Chairperson's deciding opinion (7,4)
30 French-style pie or pastry with a filling (9)
33 Ms Zellweger's first name (5)
35 Wife and queen of Edward I (7)
38 Word linking football teams Tranmere and Blackburn (6)
39 Roof of the mouth (6)
41 Queen consort of Jordan (5)
43 Mobile-phone brand name (5)
44 2009 hit for Beyoncé (4)
48 Honours system award (inits)(3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Ralph Macchio, 8 Ebor, 12 Orderly room, 13 Epsilon, 14 Torbay, 15 Ewing, 16 Ankara, 20 Blackwall, 22 Upper case, 23 Bodhran, 25 Quark, 26 Nora, 29 Cain, 30 Sikhs, 31 St Mary's, 35 Neolithic, 36 Lhasa apso, 38 Rooney, 39 Shrek, 40 Stoics, 44 Systole, 46 Lunar Module, 47 Edam, 48 Bicentennial.
DOWN: 2 Andorra, 3 Parma, 4 Mayo, 5 Cromwell, 6 Homunculus, 7 Owen, 8 Elsinore, 9 Oil, 10 YouTube, 11 In camera, 17 Anatomy, 18 Maharishi, 19 Spiritual, 21 Kohl, 24 Orinoco, 27 Chocoholic, 28 Cava, 29 Congress, 32 Life form, 33 Algernon, 34 Wooster, 37 Primula, 41 Troon, 42 Webb, 43 Erie, 45 Syd.

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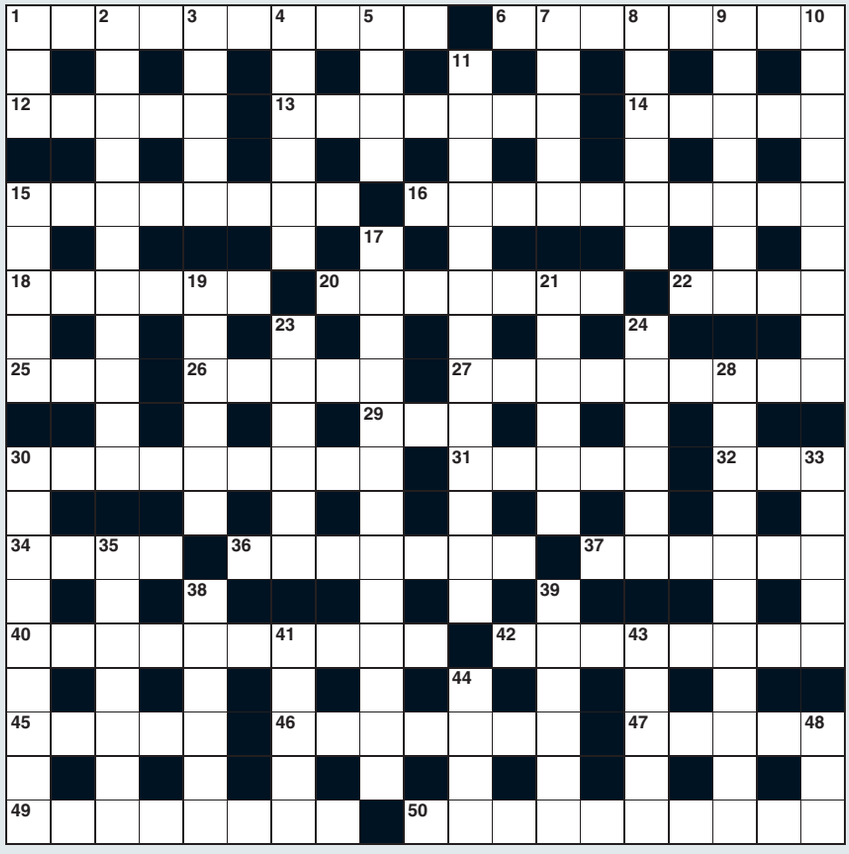

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CLUE SQUARE

Using the nine letters provided, can you answer these clues? Every answer must include the highlighted central letter. Which word or phrase uses all nine letters? There may be more than one.

P	A	O
E	D	T
C	I	N

5 letters
Held together with sticky paper
Junior trainee
Lukewarm
Skilled
Stepped

6 letters
Breathed heavily
Duplicated
Gave your views
Invented (a word)
Plastered (with)

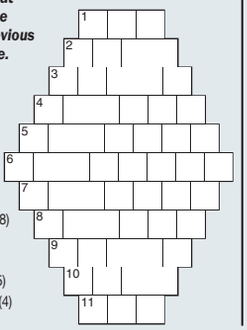
7 letters
Daubed
Recognised
Targeted

8 letters
Roofed

BRICKWORK

Answer each clue so that every entry contains the same letters as the previous entry, plus or minus one.

1 Fish eggs (3)
2 Further (4)
3 Young Shakespearean lover (5)
4 Marilyn ___, Hollywood legend (6)
5 Black waterbird (7)
6 Endocrine substances (8)
7 Near the coast (7)
8 Earlier (6)
9 Ancient Scandinavian (5)
10 Actress Ms Ayling-Ellis (4)
11 Hastings 'village' (3)



PATHFINDER

Beginning with the highlighted letter, follow a continuous path through the grid to find the listed buildings. The path passes through each and every letter once, and may twist up, down or sideways, but never diagonally.

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A	H	Y	I	O	T	C	T	A
T	O	S	P	R	F	A	R	E
R	O	G	A	Y	T	E	S	K
W	F	E	T	C	R	K	U	N
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W	E	S	I	S	B	L	G	D
I	N	D	M	T	A	E	L	O

ABBEY
BANK
COTTAGE
FACTORY
FORT
HOSPITAL
LODGE
STABLE
SUPERMARKET
THEATRE
WAREHOUSE
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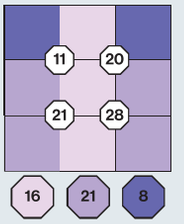
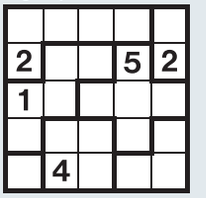


SUGURU®

Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally.



THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a footballer:

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10

6 & 8	Outlaw country music pioneer who wrote the Patsy Cline hit Crazy
9 & 4	She played Anne Bancroft's daughter in The Graduate
7 & 5	The shared name of American chat show hosts Mr Kimmel and Mr Fallon (second and last letters of name)
2 & 10	Scottish adventurer who was reputedly an inspiration for Robinson Crusoe
3 & 1	Stand-up comedian who has appeared on Mock The Week and had his own Good News programme

● **Yesterday: Actor BRIAN COX (Jemima (Goldsmith), Naomi Campbell, (Raymond) Baxter, Jodie (Whittaker), (John) Barry). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.**

■ **If you can't wait until tomorrow for the answers, just call 0901 293 6298. Calls cost £1 plus your telephone company's network access charge.**

MINIDOKU

As normal sudoku, using digits from 1 to 4.

		1	2
	1		
	3		
		3	1

2			3
	3	2	
	1	3	
3			1

PUB QUIZ

1 Movies
Which 1997 American neo-noir crime thriller film directed by Curtis Hanson is based on a novel by James Ellroy?

2 Music
The 1979 album London Calling was released by which band?

3 TV & Radio
In Peaky Blinders, what is the surname of Tommy, Arthur and Ada?

4 Leisure
Which cue sport is played with only three balls and no pockets?

5 Geography
The island of Newfoundland belongs to which country?

6 Science
Which metal is extracted principally from the ore bauxite?

7 Art & Literature
The painting Liberty Leading The People was produced by which French artist?

8 People
Who is the current Secretary-General of the United Nations, and has been since 2017?

9 Words
What is something if it is nugatory?
[a] Trivial or of little value
[b] Hidden from view
[c] Extremely colourful

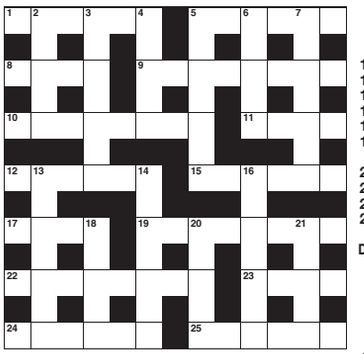
10 The British Isles
St David's, Britain's smallest city, is found in which Welsh county?

11 Food & Drink
Pecorino cheese is made from the milk of which animal?

12 Pot Luck
In which year did the Channel Tunnel officially open?

TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD

Two sets of clues but the answers are the same



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Cryptic clues

ACROSS
1 Try to stop dribble in tap (6)
5 Fantastic amount of paper in outskirts of Dewsbury (6)
8 Auditor's run away from bloodsucker (4)
9 Authenticate unusual senorita (8)
10 Commercial activity of coaches welcoming in soprano (8)
11 Fine suggestion when cycling (4)
12 Panic about piece of chocolate being difficult to get hold of (6)
15 Discount removing facial hair without husband (6)
17 Examination demoralises nurses (4)
19 Ringing about male child, six-footer (8)
22 Plead to include Miss Luxembourg, one not striking (8)
23 Rector interrupting fine service in Israeli city (4)
24 Leave Dutch friend heading west for shih tzu, perhaps (6)
25 Son to lean over king to get bread in Jerusalem (6)

DOWN
2 Around one, Paul distributed rice dish (5)
3 Mass of ice, large, endlessly moving? (7)
4 New, not nearly new, unit of weight (5)
5 Hates extremely disruptive exams (7)
6 Bird, say, cruelty oddly ignored (5)
7 Yearn for one running task (7)
13 My love turned over everything in part of flower (7)
14 Damaged pale rug that can help one sleep (7)
16 Give Ant terrible wine (7)
18 Clear liquid, perhaps with no head, containing hint of cherry (5)
20 Groans' magnitude reported (5)
21 Look after back sores, running somewhat (5)

Coffee time

ACROSS
1 Stopper for the vent hole of a cask (6)
5 Full of sleepy thoughts (6)
8 Wingless jumping insect (4)
9 Attest with legal authority (8)
10 One's affairs (8)
11 Slim (4)
12 Not plentiful (6)
15 Rescuing (6)
17 Relating to the mouth (4)
19 Increasing intensity by sympathetic vibration (8)
22 Infectious disease in cattle (8)
23 4840 square yards (4)
24 Devoted sycophant (6)
25 Coin of the ancient Hebrews (6)

DOWN
2 Spiced rice, often with meat or fish (5)
3 Feature of mountain regions (7)
4 1000 kg (5)
5 Loathes (7)
6 White heron (5)
7 Bombing raid, perhaps (7)
13 Inner whorl of petals (7)
14 Soft material inserted into a body cavity (7)
16 Season's yield of grapes (7)
18 Easily understood (5)
20 Long, deep breaths (5)
21 Carer (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Tiers, 4 Ma's-car-a, 8 Pop-u-lar, 9 Aler-t, 10 Stonewall, 11 Tar(a), 12 Artist, 14 Sp-read, 17 Rib, 19 Safe haven, 22 S(i)mile, 23 Acetone, 24 Sighted (cited), 25 Ass-ay.
DOWN: 1 Tapas, 2 Ex-plo-i-t, 3 Sa-l-ve, 4 Mor-t-al, 5 S-call-op, 6 Agent, 7 Altered, 12 A-r-rests, 13 Su-spect, 15 Envious, 16 A-fr-aid, 18 B(o)ring, 20 H-y-en-a, 21 Ne-e-dy.

ARROWORD

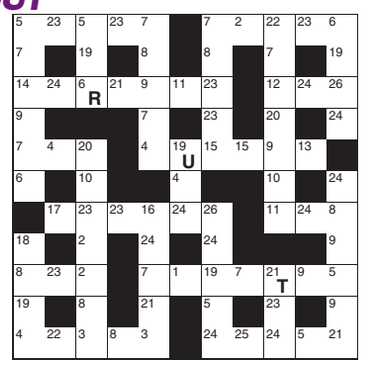
The arrows show the direction in which the answer to each clue should be placed.

Put an end to	Beat in sport	Single woman (archaic)		That woman		___ Fanning, US actress		Something used as a lure		Rhyming verse		Celebrity	
				Assisted (6,3)									
Chappell ___, Pink Pony Club singer		Decorate (a cake)				___ Kemp, presenter son of Martin		Foreground		Respond		First name of singer Ms Sandé	
				Grasped and kept	Society-changer								
Bring together as one		Clear off!					Grain used for American whiskey				Archer's weapon		Number of events in a decathlon
					Cow's sound				Aid (a criminal)				
Facial-hair growth		Island of Napoleon's exile					Actress Ms Kidman						
					Goal mesh				One of a pair of identical children				

WORD WORKOUT

THIS is the world's best brain-teaser, The Sun's clueless crossword. Here is how to play: Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 3 is the letter E, write E in all the squares with a 3. All the alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. We will print the answers tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION
ACROSS: Devilish, Airy, Windfall, Tram, Excel, Rev, Ill, Pagan, Talc, Rigorous, Taxi, Bulldoze.
DOWN: Exit, Index, Inane, Halt, Aria, Ruin, Milk, Trot, Evil, Cup, Log, Angel, Acrid, Ajar, Crib, Quiz.



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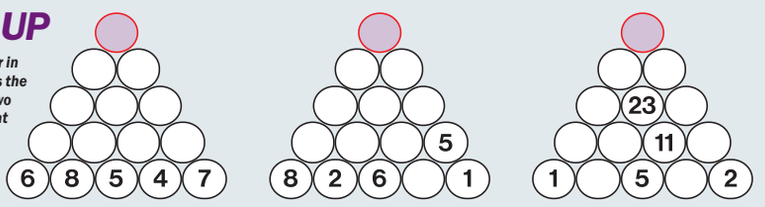
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

ADD UP

If the number in each circle is the sum of the two below it, what is the top number?



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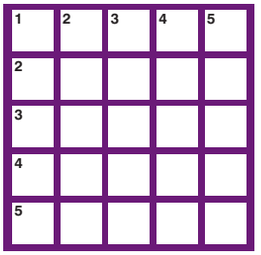
WORD SQUARE

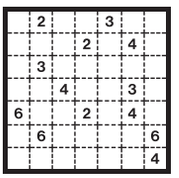
ACROSS
1 Clipped
2 Musical play
3 Beauty parlour
4 Barter
5 Eye complaints

DOWN
1 Puts in the mail
2 Divided
3 Baton race
4 Wear away
5 People from Copenhagen



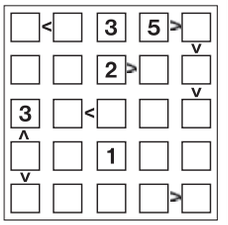
CELL BLOCKS

Divide the grid into blocks that are either square or rectangular. Each block must frame a single number, and each block must contain the same amount of cells as the number it frames.



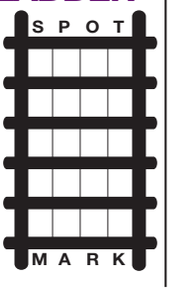
FUTOSHIKI

Use the greater than (>) and less than (<) signs to fill in the squares with the numbers 1-5. The same number cannot occur more than once in any row or column.



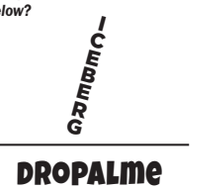
WORD LADDER

Change one letter at a time (but not the horizontal position of any letter) to make a new word – and move from the word at the top of the ladder to the word at the bottom using the exact number of rungs provided.



SPOT THE SAYING

Which two well-known sayings or expressions can be found below?



WORDSEARCH

These items related to eyes can be found in the grid. Words may run either forwards or backwards, in a horizontal, vertical or diagonal direction, but always in a straight, unbroken line.

F	R	M	D	S	L	H	D	M	A	P	F	S	H	U	A
N	O	D	R	I	O	H	A	M	K	S	R	E	A	P	W
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G	M	U	T	D	R	A	K	A	T	A	R	N	E	T	O
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O	E	D	E	C	G	U	R	S	T	P	N	L	U	H	U
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G	E	Y	E	B	A	L	L	S	G	R	E	E	N	D	L
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D	I	L	E	Y	E	V	V	I	E	W	T	S	I	R	I

BINOCULARS
BLINKING
BLUE
BROWN
CONE
CONTACT LENSES
CORNEA
EYEBALL
EYELASHES
EYELID
FOCUS
GLASSES
GREEN
IRIS
LONG SIGHT
OPTIC DISC
OPTIC NERVE
ORGAN
PUPIL
RETINA
ROD
SCLERA
SEEING
SHORT SIGHT
SOCKET
STIGMATISM
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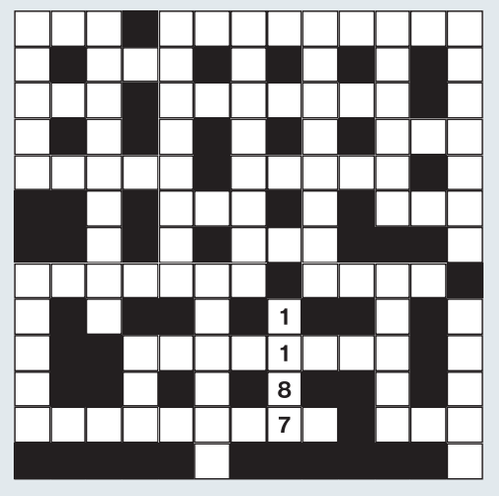
VISION

NUMBERFIT

All of the listed numbers fit into the grid and there's only one way to do it. One number has been provided to get you started.



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85160362
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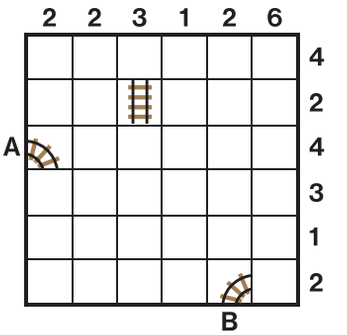
The recycled paper content of UK newspapers in 2025 was 34.7%

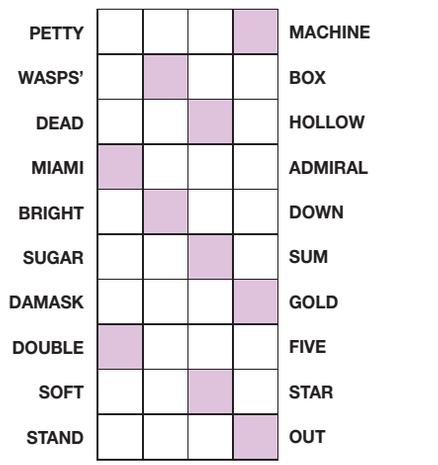
MAKE TRACKS

Lay tracks to enable the train to travel from town A to town B. The numbers indicate how many sections of rail go in each row and column. There are only straight rails and curved rails. The track cannot cross itself.



MISSING LINK

Find a word that can follow the word on the left and precede the word on the right. When you have filled in all the answers, the shaded squares will spell out a type of music (5,5).



SOLUTIONS IN THE *Sun* TOMORROW

NUMBERCRUNCH

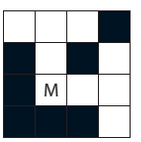
Starting at the top with the number provided, work your way down the three lines one at a time, applying all the mathematical instructions to your running total.

EASY	MEDIUM	HARDER
82	101	355
-47	-45	+4/5 of it
÷7	3/4 of it	÷9
×8	+72	-65
-36	÷6	700% of it
×11	+306	+3210
+64	÷13	50% of it
÷6	+363	-1118
+142	Quarter of it	Quarter of it
÷10	-48	-59
ANSWER	ANSWER	ANSWER

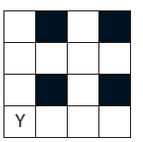
MINI FIT

Which one of the listed words won't fit in each of these mini grids?

APP
AWL
MOP
PRY
RAM



ALLY
KNOW
LUNG
VIEW
YOWL



AMMO
ITCH
MUTE
NAVE
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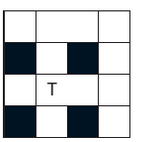
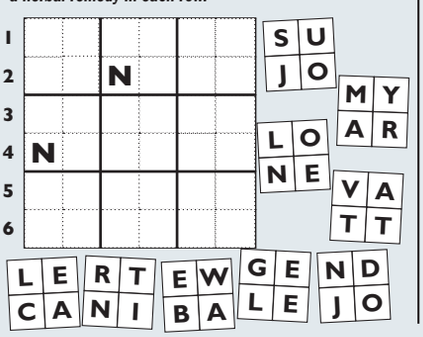


MINI JIGSAW

Fit the pieces in the grid to spell out a herbal remedy in each row.



MIND THE GAP

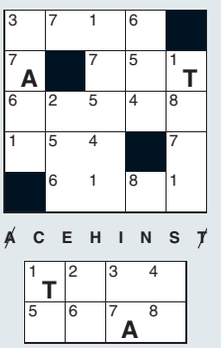
Place the three-letter words correctly in the spaces to reveal a seven-letter word in the shaded squares.

C	L			R	O	O	M
C	A	R			T	R	Y
S	U	B	S			C	E
I	N	D	I			O	R
M	E	G	A			T	Z
P	O	R			I	N	E
A	U			I	L	O	T

CAT
CUP
HER
OAK
PEN
TAN
TOP

MINI CODE

Eight letters have been given a number from 1 to 8. Break the code to complete the crossword.



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the Sunday dear deidre

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SEX-HELP CLINIC

Dear Deidre

WE have a weird sex-life as my girlfriend loves foreplay, and is really good at it, but when it comes to my climax she rolls away.

It is so frustrating when she tells me to finish myself off.

We have been together for five years. I'm 40, she's 37.

She's had boyfriends before me, but she lost her virginity to me, while I have had five previous girlfriends and was sexual with them all.

Sex has always been the same with her – it's as if she is scared of me climaxing.

She has admitted to me that she hates the smell of men's orgasms and the thought of it touching her skin makes her panic.

She also has a very low sex drive and if I suggest getting intimate or make the first move, she declines.

When we do have sex, it's on her terms and she wants it over and done with as quickly as possible.

Suggesting watching porn together to get her in the mood is met with "that's revolting".

I've even bought her sexy lingerie, but she simply rolls her eyes and tells me to take it back.

It feels like nothing will shift her mind. I'm really getting fed up and have started to talk to other women online.

Cheating isn't what I want to do but, I can't really see an alternative.

What do you think is going on for her?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: You do have options other than cheating. Your girlfriend is not comfortable with you climaxing, which is likely to be linked to trauma early on in her life.**

So surprising her with saucy underwear or suggesting watching porn together will simply add more pressure.

It is very likely she will need counselling to overcome and work through any past trauma.

Make everything about intimacy pressure free and be led by her.

Please suggest she contact cosrt.org.uk, who can recommend a good relationship and sex therapist.

If you don't feel you can support her while she works this through, it would be better to end the relationship rather than cheat on her as that will only make things more upsetting for both of you.

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FREYA'S PAST WORRIES: **FINAL DAY**

Dear Freya

BEHAVING dishonestly yourself can make you question everything. In turn it can be difficult to trust anyone – simply because you know what you are capable of.

Whether you were cheating or not, you were clearly hiding some truth from Davide.

For your relationship to stand a chance, it's essential to work on your self-esteem so you won't feel the need to seek attention elsewhere and can start building confidence in your relationship.

My support pack Raising Self-Esteem explains how to do this.

Deidre

Clothes by boohoo and boohooMAN

Dear Deidre

MY husband has terminal cancer and the bailiffs are knocking. Please help.

We have a teenage daughter and while we've never been flush, we have both worked hard and enjoyed a loving family life.

Now my husband is too ill to work. We are in our forties and although I'm taking on as much overtime as I can, it's not enough. I work for a major supermarket.

I can't pay the rent or buy food. I want to be able to concentrate on looking after my husband but I have to somehow keep the roof over our heads, which is causing no end of worry.

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: What a stressful and upsetting time for all of you. As a first step please contact macmillan.org.uk (0808 808 0000), who help people living with cancer, and their families.**

Many big companies have welfare budgets available for employees who are going through financial difficulties, so approach your HR department.

And your council may help. Some have policies where they waive council tax for those in hardship.

Dear Deidre

A STRANGER has contacted me to claim they are related to me. They have a lot of facts correct but I'm left questioning what they are after.

I'm a 49-year-old man and both my parents have died within the last three years. The recent messages came from a woman, a few years older than me.

She said my dad had an affair with her mum. She knew a lot of my extended family's names.

Aside from feeling upset at the thought that Dad may have cheated on Mum, I'm also worried if this is a scam and someone will try to take my inheritance.

Can this person cause me trouble? How can I find out if they are genuine?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: If you want to find out if there is any truth in these suggestions you can contact cellmark.co.uk, who provide court-approved DNA testing, and ask for guidance.**

And please don't forget you are under no obligation to respond to this woman. Contact citizensadvice.org.uk to find out more about the legalities of inheritance.

I feel so awful seeing uncle's sordid affairs

Dear Deidre

MY uncle has helped me out by giving me an apprenticeship with his company, but at the same time has put me in an impossible situation.

I've always admired his easy-going personality but now I have a ringside seat overlooking his affairs and I feel awful.

I'm a man of 21 and he's 48. His wife is lovely and I'm pretty sure she is completely oblivious to his antics.

Initially I was so grateful when he offered me a role. I'd been applying for jobs for months and got nowhere. My uncle pays a good wage and I'm really enjoying learning the building trade.

Then I realised he was having sex with one of the customers. He barely bothered to cover his tracks. His company is very successful and he has three teams working on different projects.

I was finishing up one day when he arrived "to check our work". I asked if he could give me a lift home but he said the owner needed his "special attention". One of the other builders saw the look on my face and nudged me, then commented "didn't you know about your uncle's reputation?"

Now I've started to notice the sly way he looks at women when my aunt isn't around.

Last week I went with him to quote for a big roof repair job and he was so flirtatious it was embarrassing.

He's so brazen he boasted to me that he'd "secured the deal" and was confident we'd get the job. He's a good-looking man but he's married with two teenagers, who are my cousins and I've grown up with them.

I've spoken to my mum and all she said was that she was worried I'd get caught up in his antics. She has advised me to say nothing, telling me it's between my uncle and aunt.

But I don't feel right just letting it carry on. What can I do?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: In many ways your mum is right, this is between your uncle and aunt. And she is likely to already have a good idea of his reputation.**

By bringing it up with her, you are likely to embarrass and upset her, and quite possibly could remove her coping strategy.

I do understand that you feel uncomfortable being a witness to his behaviour. So you could either ask your mum to talk to him and encourage him to seek relationship counselling or as soon as your apprenticeship is complete, you could thank him for his support but let him know you feel disloyal to your family by keeping his secret.

Tavistockrelationships.org can also help them work through their issues.

HERE TO HELP YOU

IF YOU are worried about anything please get in touch with my team of counsellors and we will do our best to help you. Every email receives a personal response within one working day.

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Dear Deidre

I'M feeling increasingly concerned about the resentment my fiancée shows towards my son.

We have been together for five years and right from the beginning, she has been less than welcoming to him.

Her children, a boy and a girl, always come first. We cook what they want for dinner, go where they want for days out and my son always has to sit in the middle on car journeys because hers prefer to be by the doors.

She barely tolerates my boy, who is nine, yet talks openly about how our home should feel like a haven for her children who are ten and seven.

My son visits every other weekend and she behaves as if it is the biggest inconvenience.

She's forever talking about how cars and holidays aren't made for families of five.

She makes digs about how 'unnaturally' close we are and hates it if I take him out for the day alone. When he comes to stay, he sleeps in a tiny box room that has all her stock stacked around him – she runs an online beauty shop.

HATE WAY SHE TREATS MY SON

My son never moans about how she treats him but I can see that he doesn't understand why he is seemingly treated differently.

I split my time in her home but I still have my own flat.

If I'm honest, I'm worried about getting rid of it, for the sake of my son.

I have spoken to her several times and said that every child needs to feel equally valued.

She's rebuffed me saying she won't feel secure or less resentful until I fully commit and move in with her properly. She wants me to sell the flat.

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: Your fiancee feels insecure and threatened by your relationship with your son and your reluctance to sell your flat.**

Still, treating your son so unkindly is cruel and it's now time to put down a boundary.

Let her know you'd like to move in properly with her, but the way she behaves around your son is holding you back.

You both have children from previous relationships and need to accept they are a part of you.

Explain that unless she starts giving your son equal consideration you won't feel confident your relationship can work.

Perhaps you could agree to move in for two or three months and see if things improve - only then will you start to move forward with selling your flat. My support pack Blended Families explains more.

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hot spot

IT'S 28C now in CORFU: Seven nights staying all-inclusive at the 3★+ Sandy Beach Resort is from £849 per person including flights from Birmingham on September 24. For details and booking, see jet2holidays.com.

ARE you still chasing those eclipse highs, following the excitement earlier this month?

An Ambassador Cruise Line sailing passes right through the path of totality during next summer's natural event.

The 19-night Mediterranean Moments & Solar Eclipse sailing on board Ambition will depart Dundee in July next year.

On eclipse day, guests will be asked to gather on deck at around 10:45am to watch the sun fade out of sight for around four and a half hours while in Gibraltar.

The trip will depart from Dundee on July 27, 2027 to call at Porto and Gibraltar for the eclipse, then Alicante, Valencia, Ibiza and Cadiz.

Saver fares start from £2,969pp or from £3,775pp including the top Expedition Drinks Package.

For more details, and to book your break, check out ambassadorcruiseline.com.

MSC CRUISES has revised its winter schedule for 2027/28.

Despite original plans to sail in the Middle East, MSC World Europa will remain in the Western Mediterranean, with seven-night sailings to the likes of Barcelona, Genoa and Civitavecchia.

MSC World Asia will sail in the Caribbean on seven and 14-night itineraries to Martinique, Guadeloupe, and Barbados.

Guests booked on to affected cruises will be contacted.

See msccruises.co.uk.

hot spot

EGYPT is 34C: Seven nights' staying all-inclusive at the 5★ Tui Magic Life Kalawy in Hurghada is from £654 per person including flights from Bristol on September 13. For more details, and to book, check out See tui.co.uk.

CARD SHARP . . . magic show's impressive trick

MAGIC SHOW YOU MUST SEE

MANY family shows claim to be for all ages, but very few actually are.

Yet Now You See Me Live is one of those rare West End unicorns that will have everyone aged five to 95 on the edge of their seat – and Sun Club members can get half-price tickets.

The big-budget magic show features four main magicians known as The Horsemen – Enzo Weyne, Andrew Basso, Gabriella Lester and Matthew Pomeroy – alongside three supporting magicians who all appeared on Britain's Got Talent.

They are Eden Choi, Fraser Penman and Rafferty Coope.

My son and I were totally engrossed in the show, which runs at the London Coliseum until September 6.

His jaw practically hit the floor, I squealed, the middle-aged man sitting next to me shouted aloud in wonder . . . the acts really were mesmerising.

When the curtain closed, my boy stood on his seat (sorry, Coliseum staff) to give his final round of applause.

Which must reflect quite how impressive it all was.

To grab discounted tickets, sign up to Sun Club for £1.99 a month or £9.99 for a year, then head to the Sun Club Offers hub and find the Now You See Me Live page.

Scan the QR code to join Sun Club.

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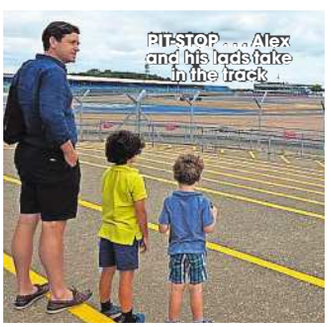
MAGIC . . . the illusions will blow you away

FAMILY TRIP TO THE HOTEL OVERLOOKING SILVERSTONE F1

Dad, can we go and watch the cars neeeeeeeeowww?

GRAND DAY OUT . . . at Silverstone



PIT STOP . . . Alex and his lads take in the track

POLE POSITION . . . hotel is perfect spot for racing circuit

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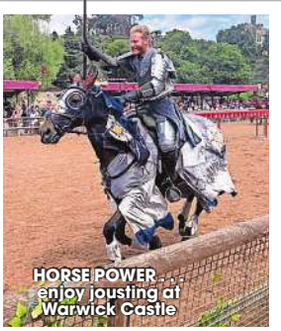

HORSE POWER . . . enjoy jousting at Warwick Castle

THERE aren't many places where you can watch the Grand Prix then have a round of golf before relaxing in a spa.

But at the Whittlebury Park Hotel – just a stone's throw from Silverstone – you can do all that and much more.

The privately owned 4★ hotel in Nottinghamshire boasts one of the UK's largest spas, while its championship golf course has played host to some of the world's top golfers.

And better still, it is just a ten-minute drive from the mecca of motorsport and its brilliant museum.

In fact, it's so close to Silverstone you can hear the cars bombing round the track while you enjoy a clotted cream tea overlooking the 300-acre estate.

The central courtyard is a great spot in the summer, thanks to the buckets of games for kids – including a pickleball court I struggled to tear my seven-year-old away from.

It also has two fantastic games rooms stuffed with table tennis, air hockey, darts, a giant KerPlunk set, PlayStation 5, and loads more. And next-door, a movie room is set up with dozens of films, bean bags and complimentary popcorn.

You could easily spend a day just chilling there.

But my kids don't chill and they are up at daybreak – which is when the early opening time (6.30am) at the swimming pool came in handy.

We left the kids splashing about to indulge in some much-needed quiet time in the sauna and steam room.

Budding golfers, on the other hand, will want to get themselves out on the championship course to practise their swing.

And if that's not enough, the hotel is also home to a driving range, simulators, PGA professional coaches and an award-winning clubhouse.

If you're a mega fan, make sure to book a room overlooking the course.

Our lovely family room had great views of the green so I could watch people putt while the kids tucked in to the welcome hamper full of sweeties and biscuits.

Aside from the golf and kid-friendly fun, one of the best things about Whittlebury is its location.

Real-life action

Silverstone Museum is just five minutes away in the car, with tonnes of interactive stuff.

This includes a state-of-the-art immersive VR experience called Black Cats and Chequered Flags where visitors can try out life in the pit lane before taking to the track alongside F1 legend Alberto Ascari.

There is also an incredible collection of classic racing cars and bikes. And most days there is real-life action taking place on the circuit.

Guests can wander down to stand next to the Wellington straight and Luffield corner as the cars scream by. When the kids tire of the car gimmicks, Warwick Castle is around an hour's drive away.

The place tends to be heaving on Fridays in the school summer holidays (we learned the hard way) but the scale of the old fortress is certainly breathtaking – literally, that is, if you want to climb to the top of the tower and along the ramparts.

Its main hall is bursting with a staggering collection of weapons and chivalric suits of armour.

But the star attraction is the medieval jousting contest, set in a brilliant historical recreation of the War of the Roses.

There's also a falconry show, archery and a terrifying dungeon experience (for kids aged ten and over).

Little ones don't need to miss out, either, with Zog's play area and a Horrible History maze.

At the end of our two-night stay, our very active children had barely had a moment's downtime – racing round the attractions like the cars at the Silverstone race track.

So start your engines. You're in for a great ride at Whittlebury.

ALEX WEST

GO: TOWCESTER

STAYING THERE: An overnight Summer Family Break costs from £370 based on a family of four sharing two double rooms, arriving on September 1. The package includes full access to Leisure Club facilities, a three-course dinner and hot and cold breakfast buffet. See whittlebury.com.

the Sunday
Food Money Pets Motors Health

GARY BARLOW recently returned from an epic adventure touring the unspoilt landscapes and Michelin-approved restaurants of New Zealand – and we can't wait to learn about his journey.

Part one of Gary Barlow's Food and Wine Tour: New Zealand will air on ITV next Sunday with six episodes that showcase the creme de la creme of culinary experiences in the country.

We'll get to watch as the Take That singer, *above*, tours vineyards, tucks into delicious local grub and explores some wild and rugged scenery.

Talking about the experience, Gary said: "Every meal, every glass of wine and every ingredient had some kind of connection with the people, place and the natural environment.

"And in the world of wine, New Zealand is right up there with some of the best vineyards in the world."

stay with the stars

Those feeling inspired by the singer's adventure can follow in his footsteps with this mega Grand Tour of New Zealand by rail.

The price tag may be steep, but it's certainly one for the bucket list.

The 21-day adventure ticks off both the North and South Islands, taking in dynamic cities as well as rural lakes and mountains.

The trip starts from £6,799pp including flights from Heathrow.

See greatrail.com.

lates

MADEIRA: Seven nights' all-inclusive plus at the 4★ Enotel Lido Resort is from £969pp including flights from Bristol on September 4. See jet2holidays.com.
YORKSHIRE DALES: Four nights' self-catering at Eldred Cottage, Middleham, is from £132pp based on five sharing for arrival on August 31. See yorkshirehideaways.co.uk.
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Seven nights' all-inclusive at the 4★ Bahia Principe Explore Punta Cana is from £846pp including flights from Manchester on September 8. See tui.co.uk.
DEVON: Three nights' self-catering in a Comfort Plus 2 holiday home at Ladram Bay Holiday Park is from £120.84pp, based on six sharing and for arrival on August 28. See ladrambay.co.uk.
CRETE: Seven nights' all-inclusive at the 5★ Annabelle Beach Resort is from £519pp including flights from Gatwick on September 24. See holidaybuzz.co.uk.

essential

Antler Cabin with Pocket Suitcase, £230, antler.co.uk

LOOKING for a new cabin case? It's worth investing in a decent brand if you want it to stand the test of time.

The Antler Cabin with Pocket Suitcase looks the part with its glossy, hard shell, and it makes wheeling around the airport an absolute breeze, thanks to its 360-degree silent wheels that make it feel completely weightless.

Mine was gliding across floors so smoothly that it practically rolled itself to security even though it was crammed to the absolute brim.

A large front pocket is what makes this different to your average cabin case. The thin zipped area is surprisingly roomy, and will easily hold a laptop or iPad so you can whip your tech out as needed without then unzipping the main case.

Features such as the soft-touch handle and sturdy, double-zip pockets already make this suitcase worth the price tag, but the wheels are the absolute star of the show. It's my ultimate pick for cabin luggage.

JENNA STEVENS

DISCOVER THE JOYS OF 'POMALO' IN POREC...

Croatia's so relaxing ...you can take their word for it

TRANQUIL . . . Porec harbour and promenade

TAKING it easy is a way of life for Croatians.

In fact, slow living is so ingrained in their philosophy that they even have a word for it – *pomalo*.

I watch the sun set over 23 miles of unblemished coastline from the balcony of my hotel room in Porec on the Istrian peninsula. It's not exactly difficult to relax in a place like this.

With its pristine pine-fringed beaches, ancient cobblestone streets and tranquil lagoons, this 2,000-year-old town has become a big hit with holidaymakers seeking a laid-back getaway.

And its newest 5★ hotel – Pical Resort by Valamar Collection – takes relaxation to a whole new level. From the moment I walk into the lobby, it's clear I won't have to lift a finger during my trip.

The friendly, attentive staff are quick to grab my bags and carry them up to my room, while a brief wave of the hand from a sunlounger sends someone rushing over to take my order poolside.

Set in more than ten hectares of Mediterranean greenery and with 514 rooms across three distinct wings, this mega-complex can cater for around 2,000 guests at full capacity. But if I had any concerns about Pical's size impacting the quality of its service, these quickly vanish when I learn it employs more than 800 staff members – two for every five patrons.

Making every guest's experience personal is clearly something this resort prides itself on.

As I enter my spacious, modern room, one of the first things I notice is a "holiday scent" selection next to the bed.

I'm encouraged to pick a fragrance from a scratch-and-sniff card and tick off my favourite so that housekeeping can deliver a reed diffuser during their turn-down service. I enthusiastically opt for Floral Essence with notes of jasmine and violet.

My room is in the hotel's main building, which is designed for couples and solo travellers.

But it also has a family building with an all-day childcare service and 8,000 square metres of indoor and outdoor play facilities, including ball pits, water slides and a giant gaming room.

For those with more cash to splash, the hotel boasts 113 premium "V-Level" suites which offer dedicated concierge services and special dining perks.

As soon as I am unpacked, my first move is to check out one of the resort's 11 swimming pools.

There is no risk of sun-lounger wars breaking out here – with hundreds of beds to choose from.

It takes all my strength not to drift off to sleep as I sink into the cushions under the warmth of the sun, the distant noise of the bubbling jacuzzi lulling me into a zen state.

If you prefer a livelier sunbathing setting, however, the Puro Beach club is where to head.

Before I can even put my bag down, the staff have already laid a towel out on my reserved sunbed and are ready and waiting to take my drink order.

It's easy to see how this resort has earned its five stars. My elegant sushi

GO: POREC

GETTING THERE: Easyjet flies from Gatwick, Luton and Bristol to Pula from £22.99 each way in September. See easyjet.com.
STAYING THERE: Rooms at Pical Resort by Valamar Collection cost from £293 per night on a half-board basis in September. See valamar.com.

CHARMING . . . cobbled street in seaside town

PERFECT SPOT . . . infinity pool at Pical resort

ROOM WITH A VIEW . . . outlook from hotel

LOCAL SLANG FOR 'NO STRESS'

EXQUISITE . . . Michelin-star dining at Harry's Piccolo

platter was top-notch and I couldn't think of a better way to spend an afternoon than sipping on a hand-crafted mojito while listening to the club's resident DJ.

That evening I swap my chopsticks for silverware as I head to the hotel's culinary piece de resistance – its new Michelin-star restaurant Harry's Piccolo.

Created under the direction of chefs Matteo Metullio and Davide De Pra, this gastronomic haven is heavily inspired by Porec's unique geography, close to the borders of Slovenia and Italy.

World-class seafood

Its seven-course tasting menu travels the tracks of the famous Parenzana railway which once connected the three nations by blending Italy's fine-dining flair with Slovenian alpine herbs and world-class Croatian seafood and olive oils.

The result is sensational dishes like L-Astice: Adriatic lobster with pea liquor Bearnaise, asparagus, black truffle and green peppercorn.

The whole affair is rather pricey, at €190, but worth it if you're celebrating or are really into your food.

And if fine dining isn't your cup of tea, there are seven more restaurants on site.

The hotel's main diner, More, offers buffet breakfasts and live cooking stations at dinner, while Quattro Terre focuses on local and Mediterranean cuisine, using locally sourced ingredients.

As my five-day trip nears an end, I save Pical's crowning glory – its ESPA wellness spa – until last.

I begin my relaxation journey in one of its six Istrian-inspired saunas, infused with local herbs that release a heady scent, before moving into the Mediterranean steam bath, where I'm handed a home-made body scrub.

When the heat becomes too much to bear, I retreat into the aqua sensory room to cool off on one of the many floating water beds, before rinsing off in a sensory shower, which mimics a tropical rainstorm with red LED lighting and aromatherapy smells.

I'm also booked in for a 60-minute massage treatment with one of ESPA's expert therapists, Sanda. After a lengthy consultation to tailor the treatment to my needs – including picking a scent from a selection of aromatherapy oils – she starts to work her magic on my achy shoulders.

And as I fight the urge to fall asleep yet again, I realise I may have taken "Pomalo" a bit too seriously.

EMILY-JANE HEAP

TAKE THE PLUNGE . . . Emily-Jane and pal have dip

SHOULDER SEASON GETS ELBOW

SHOULDER season is on the way out, new research reveals.

According to Expedia's Autumn Travel Outlook, UK hotel stays are cheaper in summer, during peak season, on average.

The biggest increases in price for autumn were shown to be in major cities such as Birmingham, where hotel prices shot up by an average of 30 per cent in autumn.

The same was true for Liverpool (20 per cent), Cambridge (15 per cent extra) and Manchester (up ten per cent).

Edinburgh and the Lake District, surprisingly, saw hotel prices ten per cent cheaper in autumn, which was also true for seaside destinations, including Newquay and St Ives, Brighton and the Isle of Wight.

HOLIDAYMAKERS on the hunt for a bargain bank holiday break should look no further.

Easyjet has introduced its new Bank Holiday Loophole, showcasing its best-value short breaks.

The airline is offering six per cent more seat availability than in 2025, with deals for 56 more destinations, including new routes such as Preveza, Reus and Ljubljana.

Among the value getaways is a two-night room-only stay at the 4★ Glam Hotel Milano from £351pp including flights from Gatwick on August 28.

You can also bag two nights' room-only at the 4★ Leonardo Royal Hotel Berlin Alexanderplatz from £323pp, including flights from Birmingham on August 28.

See easyjet.com/en/holidays.

EXCITING . . . new exhibition

GALLERY TO REOPEN 80 YEARS ON

A "HIDDEN" gallery within the Natural History Museum is reopening for the first time since War World Two.

From September 16, history fans will, once again, be able to set foot in the event space after a staggering 80 years of closure.

An initial reopening phase will last 18 months, with the gallery hosting the Nature And Us exhibition.

This explores the human relationship with the natural world.

Visitors will be able to browse 50 objects including a miniature model of a dinosaur, a Victorian skeleton of a monk seal and a bryozoan-encrusted Star Wars toy from the 1980s.

Among the collection of artefacts will also be a replica jaw of one of the UKs earliest domesticated dogs.

The space has its own historic tale to tell, too.

It originally closed in 1943 after the museum's herbarium – which houses its plant collection – was damaged during the war.

Plants displaced by the damage were moved into the gallery for safekeeping, forcing the exhibition space to close to the public.

But today's eagle-eyed visitors will be able to spot the original wooden herbarium cabinets as they browse the items on display.

It will be free to visit the Nature And Us exhibition. See nhm.ac.uk.

TREESY DOES IT . . . the Skytrek high ropes adventure

GETTING THE HANG OF IT – IF YOU DARE

IT'S true what they say – time flies when you're having fun.

Soaring through the air 96 metres above the ground, my arms outstretched like a bird's wings, Skywire – England's fastest zipline – may not be for the faint hearted, but it sure is fun.

After a brief out-of-body moment, gawping at my lush surroundings as I whizzed over the treetops, I thudded back to reality, my harness softly colliding with the zipline brake.

The experience was over all too fast, but the thrill remained. And so much adrenalin was pumping through my veins that I didn't know if I would burst into giggles or throw up.

Skywire is just one of three thrilling experiences at Cornwall's Hangloose Adventure, which sits next to the Eden Project, near St Austell.

The epic zipline catapults riders down a 660-metre wire at up to 60mph, earning it the accolade of the fastest in the country.

I've jumped out of an aeroplane at 14,000ft over the Great Barrier Reef, so you'd think it would be a doddle for me.

But since then my fear levels have heightened somewhat and I felt stupidly petrified, floating on my belly well above the trees while a safety guide secured my harness to the wire.

Luckily, visitors don't have much time to stew over their decision before they are propelled forwards, soaring over the domed roofs of the Eden Project.

"What a GREAT day," my godson Cooper beamed at me, mulling over which attraction was his favourite.

His chest puffed with pride as he recalled the moment when Gravity, a giant three-seater swing, sent us plummeting at 50mph towards the earth, bottoms rising out of our seats before we swooped forwards.

His achievement was all the more impressive as he is only eight, the youngest a child can be to experience Skywire, Gravity and third attraction Skytrek. There are weight requirements too, which vary per attraction, and children who are on the lighter side may be required to wear a weighted vest.

Our entourage below applauded as Cooper swung like a graceful monkey between pillars and trees while I clumsily raced behind, puffing and stiff.

Although probably the least scary of the trio, the high ropes course Skytrek was certainly the most challenging. The aim is to reach the end of the course without falling, and it was no easy feat.

We clambered over spinning logs, balanced on tightropes and crawled through wonky tunnels to the safety of the next tall pillar. Of course we were strapped in by harness, so couldn't really fall, but that didn't make the experience any less scary when we took a little wobble.

After successfully completing all pillar challenges, we reached the mini zipwire that launched us back to safety below.

Throwing himself forwards, Cooper squealed with joy as he victoriously flew towards the ground.

I told you, time really does fly when you're having fun – especially at Hangloose.

SOPHIE SWIETOCHOWSKI

● Hangloose Cornwall's attractions can be paid for separately, from £24.79, or as a package from £72 to £89pp. See hangloose adventure.com/eden/.

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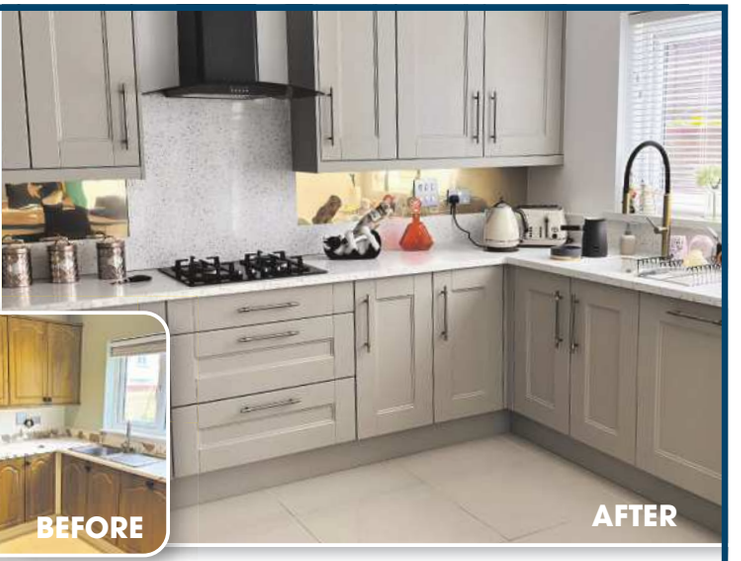

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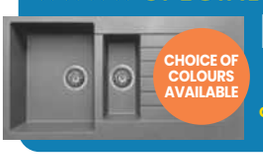

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BALLSY NORRIS STARS WITH HOLLAND POLE

From ISABELLE BARKER in ZANDVOORT

LANDO NORRIS showed he may not be out of the Formula One title battle just yet with a "surprise" blistering lap to secure pole.

The reigning world champion followed up pole in Budapest last time out – where he went on to win – with this strong showing in the Netherlands.

But the Brit, 26, gave credit to his McLaren crew for getting more out of the car as the day went on.

Budapest and now Zandvoort are the only races where Mercedes have failed to take pole, with Norris 90 points off leader Kimi Antonelli in F1's standings.

George Russell was second as he edged closer towards his own title fightback, finishing ahead of Merc team-mate Antonelli in third.

Fellow Brit Russell also ate into Antonelli's lead by three points after winning the earlier sprint race – as the 19-year-old Italian came fourth.

But Antonelli's overall championship lead extended to 53 points after Ferrari's Lewis Hamilton, who is second in the table, finished the sprint exactly where he qualified – seventh.

In terms of qualifying, the challenge of overtaking here at Zandvoort makes this one of the most precious pole positions of the season.

Since this track returned to the calendar in 2021, all **FIVE** grands prix have been won from pole.

On storming to the front of the grid, Norris joked: "Our car is certainly the best in high speed . . . or I have the biggest balls!"

But he added over his radio: "I'm a little surprised, honestly.

"It's just a decent lap. I was pushing, as you have seen how close it is – and one hundredth, two hundredths, can make a big difference in the end. But it's just a good turnaround from earlier today, where I felt like we struggled a bit.

"We felt very strong so the team did a good job – credit to them – on trying to get a little bit more out of the car.

"We had to try something, as what we had before wasn't going to be enough.

"So we made small changes, nothing that was going to make us gain two tenths or one tenth even. But enough to maybe give me a bit more confidence."

Away from the front row, Oscar Piastri secured P4, while both Ferraris looked off the pace, with Hamilton in fifth and Charles Leclerc sixth.

In the final session, it was unclear whether the drivers would go for another run with rain looming – but the cars headed back out.

Antonelli went fastest but was knocked back down to third as Norris edged out Russell.

There was a hairy moment for Hamilton in the first session as a lock-up at the start of his last lap sent him into the gravel on the first corner.

It left him only tenth quickest on the timesheet, and the Ferrari driver headed back out on new soft tyres to try to make sure he did not fall into any trouble at the end of the first session.

He made no mistake on his last attempt as he secured second in the dying moments.

Thousands of F1 fans actually missed the sprint race due to travel chaos at Amsterdam Central station.

But they really did not miss much as there was only one change to the top ten on the first corner of the first lap, when Antonelli zipped past Piastri for fourth.

The championship leader went around the outside of the Aussie and earned an inside line at the next turn.

That order remained until lap 18 of 24, when Leclerc pulled off a peach of an overtake on Norris to go up to second.

Pole-sitter Russell then surged to victory ahead of Leclerc in second and Norris in third.

And Russell declared: "I feel in a good place and just feel myself again, which is really important.

"It was really nice to drive around here and these cooler temperatures made the track feel really fast.

"So, it was a real joy for us all to drive and I'm looking forward to the race."

POWER POINT . . . defending world champion Norris (inset) celebrates clinching pole for today's race in Zandvoort after flying lap

FRONT OF THE GRID

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CAPTAIN CALM . . . Joe Root after First Test thrashing

Root shows steady head

ENGLAND'S dressing room is a calmer place since Joe Root took over as captain from Ben Stokes.

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

That is the view of Marcus Trescothick, interim head coach until Stephen Fleming starts the job in succession to the sacked Brendon McCullum.

Former opener Trescothick says Root's natural equanimity contrasts with the more unpredictable Stokes.

Root, 35, began his second stint as skipper with a crushing First Test victory over Pakistan at Headingley by an innings and 103 runs.

He hardly made a false move with his tactics although he was helped by a weak Pakistan display.

Asked if the dressing room felt different with Root rather than Stokes in charge, Trescothick said: "Of course, they're different personalities.

"They speak in a different way in terms of their style and approach.

"I think you saw some things with Joe at Headingley which were really exciting and really calming at the same time.

"Maybe he was a little more simple with some plans and a bit more clear in the direction he wants us to go. And how he manages individuals behind the scenes, too.

"We're not Brendon and Ben – we very much have our own style with what we want to do.

"We've had a change which has been quite significant in terms of the characters that have moved on. So, first and foremost, you try to keep it calm and simple.

"Let's use the best bits of the previous style, tweaking and improving."

Stokes quit international cricket in June and has since been playing regularly for Durham.

He cited brooding on last winter's Ashes defeat, his broken cheekbone, not being supported by the ECB over his curfew-breaking visit to a night-club and enjoyment of playing for Durham as reasons for his decision.

Stokes' retirement during the Trent Bridge Test against New Zealand was a show in itself. It was announced mid-session – Stokes was bowling and instantly took a wicket.

Then Stokes opened the batting in a re-shuffled order and went out swinging. It would be hard to imagine Root being so self-indulgent.

Root was happy to take on the captaincy again after quitting in 2022 once the management opted not to pick white-ball leader Harry Brook.

Trescothick, 50, added: "I wasn't surprised Joe took on the job again.

"He appreciates the differences from when he did it before.

"He sees it as a great opportunity, an exciting time. We're building a really solid batting group and, combined with the bowling armoury, there is so much potential.

"It's not just the four fast bowlers who played at Headingley but a big group of bowlers. We have more pace in our attack than potentially we've ever had."

Although Trescothick is stand-in coach for this three-Test series, he could find himself sidelined in future.

His official role is batting coach and new head coach Fleming, who does not take over until the winter, has made overtures to Aussie Mike Hussey to fill that role.

In future, Trescothick might continue to work just with McCullum and Brook with England's white-ball teams.

Trescothick said: "First and foremost, I want to be involved in all formats as it's a wonderful place to be. Working with the best and seeing England cricketers do well.

"But it's not really for me to judge so I'll wait and see what happens."

Josh so brave

By CHARLIE PITTOCK

JOSH TARLING was third in the opening stage of cycling's Vuelta a Espana — just eight days after his brother Finlay's tragic death.

Welshman Finlay, 19, was killed riding in Portugal. Geraint Thomas, Netcompany-INEOS team boss, hailed the determination of 22-year-old Josh *(right)*.

He said: "It's unimaginable what Josh has gone through so to put in a performance like that . . . I couldn't be prouder."

Tour de France winner Tadej Pogacar took the time trial — nine hundredths of a second ahead of Britain's Ethan Hayter.

SERENA IN MIX

By JACK ROSE

SERENA WILLIAMS will partner Carlos Alcaraz in this week's US Open mixed doubles after they landed a wildcard.

Spaniard Alcaraz, 23, confirmed he is set to return to action at Flushing Meadows following a wrist injury that has kept him out since April.

Williams *(right)*, 44, ended her four-year retirement in June to play at Wimbledon with big sister Venus, 46, but suffered a knee injury before the tournament.

The siblings lost in the first round of last week's Cincinnati Open.

A US Open statement read: "Serena and Carlos will form a superstar team, with the pair receiving a wildcard into the event."

Stokes rages

BEN STOKES joined Joe Root in slamming Headingley's Ashes snub, branding the decision "shambolic".

Leeds is not among the five venues for next summer's series against Australia — despite England winning their last seven Tests there.

After beating Pakistan by an innings and 103 runs on Friday, skipper Root admitted it was "a shame" the ground is not hosting the Aussies in 2027.

Ex-captain Stokes added on social media: "Shame is an understatement. Shambolic would be more appropriate."

Root added: "I'd love to play as many games as possible here at Headingley. We've had quite a lot of success recently, so it's a shame we don't get to play here next year."

BATTLE OF HASTINGS . . . Saints star's clash with Dupree

Saints' Jack of all trades

By GARY CARTER

JACK WELSBY gave incoming St Helens boss Kevin Walters the same problem his predecessors had — where to play him.

The England star, who normally excels at full-back or stand-off, was superb in the centres, scoring one try and creating another as Saints tamed the Tigers.

Australia coach Walters replaces the dumped Paul Rowley from next season and faces a similar question — where do you position Welsby for maximum advantage?

Interim boss Eamon O'Carroll said: "Jack's fantastic. He's put his hand up to play centre and showed real leadership."

But Saints ended the game with **TEN** men after Jackson Hastings was sent off and Alex Walmsley and sub Chris Matagi were sin-binned late on.

Home skipper Hastings was red-carded seconds before half-time for lashing out at Cas prop Tyler Dupree — who clashed with his own assistant Scott Murrell after being sin-binned himself.

O'Carroll added: "The sending-off could prove costly but we'll have to have that 'next man up' mentality again."

Tries from Welsby, Shane Wright, Jacob Douglas, Tom Humphreys and Tristan Sailor made it 30-0 at half-time. Nene Macdonald added to Cas' misery before Dupree sent Phoenix Laulu-Togaga'e in after Louis Senior's reply.

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Romeo Tropis' double helped **TOULOUSE** stun champs **HULL KR** 32-12.

The Treble-winners sit sixth in Super League after Mathieu Jussaume put the visitors ahead.

Anthony Marion, Paul Ulberg and Luke Polselli also went in, with Elliot Minchella and Louix Gorman replying.

Jake Arthur's drop goal earned **HULL FC** a 27-26 win at **CATALANS**.

Kruise Leeming scored one try and set up Edenn Rogers-Smith as the Dragons led 26-14.

But after Harvie Hill bagged a try, Aidan Sezer — who also booted five goals — darted over before Arthur's one-pointer.

SCOTT CHIPS IN

SCOTT GALEANO is building a fine reputation in Super League after helping to build houses in Australia.

The York back, 27, who faces Leeds today, played for Sunshine Coast Falcons while working as a chippy.

He said: "You're still kind of professional when you're playing in the Queensland Cup. You work all day and then train and be a professional on the weekend.

"But Super League has been a fair bit of an education. It's not like last year, every week you're up against great players and naturally makes you better."

All Blacks win Boksing match

By ADAM HATHAWAY

NEW ZEALAND won the clash of rugby union's heavyweights and took South Africa's place as world No1.

Dave Rennie's All Blacks scored five tries to one despite being destroyed in the scrum in the first of the four-Test 'Greatest Rivalry' series in Johannesburg.

Wing Will Jordan scored two — making it an astonishing 53 touchdowns in 58 Tests.

All Blacks captain Ardie Savea admitted: "It was a boxing match out there and we loved it.

"We always knew the Springboks were coming. They are men and, when they get a head of steam, they are hard to stop."

The Boks should have buried the game before the break but blew chances despite being dominant in the scrum and taking the All Blacks set-piece to school.

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Skipper Pieter-Steph du Toit moaned: "We shot ourselves in the foot and, in a game like this, you have to take opportunities when they come.

"We have to go back to the drawing board."

New Zealand had to roll with the punches as their pack was pummelled but were hanging in there 13-12 down at the break.

Jordan's second try on 74 minutes — thanks to a miracle pass from Savea — and two late yellow cards for Boks Cobus Reinach and Marco van Staden ensured they got the job done.

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THUMB-THING SPECIAL . . . new Chelsea boss Xabi Alonso kicks off his Blues reign with a derby date at Fulham tomorrow

Looking for Xabi hunting ground

ALONSO CRAVEN FAST START OUT OF BLOCKS

By JACK ROSSER

FULHAM should not be a tricky place to start life as new Chelsea manager . . . not on paper, at least.

Yes, a West London derby but there are far tougher places to try to get your new era off to a flying start.

Blues chief Xabi Alonso, who begins against the man who replaced him at Real Madrid last season with Alvaro Arbeloa in the Craven Cottage dugout, has been hammering home the need for a fast start.

But a glance at last year will show Alonso just how much can go wrong on the banks of the Thames.

Liam Rosenior's Chelsea reign began there with Marc Cucurella sent off after just 22 minutes as the Blues lost 2-1 and the away fans spent the night spewing venom in the direction of co-owner Behdad Eghbali, who was sat next to the new manager.

Any repeat of that tomorrow night and the early flier Alonso desires will be in tatters.

The Spaniard, 44, said: "We have the ambition to have a great year. We don't need to think about what's going to happen late in the season.

"What we can control is what we do, how we start the season, how we prepare for the games.

"It's a process but we feel that we can have a good start and that's so important."

Ill-discipline cost Chelsea dearly last season and has been an issue for the last three years under both Mauricio Pochettino and Enzo Maresca before Rosenior's brief stint in charge.

But it hit new heights last year, with a record 11 red cards — including one for Maresca — and Alonso knows he must demand better.

Rosenior and Maresca both refused to fine their players for reckless reds.

Alonso has no hard-and-fast set of rules or fines — as another former boss Frank Lampard infamously did when turning up late to training cost players £20,000 — but did not rule out hitting players in the pocket if they cannot behave on the pitch.

Alonso, who fined players at Real Madrid and Bayer Leverkusen, said: "It depends on the context. You can have a red card and it's football, it can happen.

"You need to be measured. I don't have written rules for this kind of thing, you need to assess the particular cases.

"But, for sure, having emotional control gives you the game control that we want to avoid these situations."

Another change from last season Alonso wants is to see a fit and firing Cole Palmer.

The 24-year-old was dogged by a groin injury last term which saw his form and minutes suffer as he ended up being left out of Thomas Tuchel's England World Cup squad.

Blues star Palmer *(below)* admits he should not have tried to play through the pain but he believes a surprise summer off has revived him.

Alonso is confident Palmer's injury problems are now behind him and the Chelsea talisman can deliver a world-class season.

He added: "Cole is determined to enjoy his football. He wants to be fit, he wants to feel healthy.

"He wants to have a good connection with the players around him. We have this goal.

"If we are able to reach him and he feels that flow in the game and connects well with the players, I'm sure his level is top class, world class and that he will have a great season. I've seen that.

"Sometimes, you need to go through a moment with an injury or whatever to learn from that. Cole has gone through a difficult period with an injury and now he's working really hard to have the prevention to not feel those symptoms back."

Chelsea confirmed Joao Pedro, has extended his contract by 12 months to 2034.

The Brazil striker, 24, said: "Everyone is very excited for this season. We know we can achieve a lot of things."

BOSS GIVES BERGE NEW GOAL

By ANDREW DILLON

ALVARO ARBELOA has made Sander Berge a key part of his Fulham plans to help fend off transfer interest.

Manchester United and Everton have been linked with the midfielder, 28, who helped Norway reach the World Cup quarter-finals.

But new boss Arbeloa is giving Berge a new attack-minded job.

Arbeloa *(left)* said: "I need complete focus from him. His role is going to be a little different.

"I told him I need three or four goals from him because I think he will have chances to finish from outside the box.

"He's so important as he can control the tempo of the game."

Berge's last goal was in December 2023 but he has looked sharp in pre-season, despite his World Cup exertions, alongside club-mate Oscar Bobb.

Ahead of tomorrow's Chelsea visit, Arbeloa, 43, said: "I'm so happy to work with him.

"He can improve — and I will try to help him to improve.

"Last season, we played with two No6s, now we are playing with one and two No8s. So for him, his role will be a little bit different."

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Emery's Fab role model

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

FABIAN HURZELER says he faces "one of the best managers in the world" when Brighton host Unai Emery's Aston Villa today.

And he reckons Emery has shown how to manage the rigours of combining a European campaign with the pressures of the Prem.

Hurzeler had a first taste of Euro competition on Thursday when Albion drew 0-0 with Tromso in Norway in the first leg of their Conference League qualifying play-off.

Emery, in contrast, has won the Europa League FIVE times, most recently with Villa last season.

And he was one of the first to offer support to

HURZELER . . . praise

Hurzeler when Brighton hit a rough patch last term.

Seagulls boss Hurzeler, 33, said: "I see him as one of the best managers in the world.

"He achieves great things and he and his team can be a role model for us regarding managing the Premier League and European competition.

"It's definitely something we have to get used to."

Both clubs sold stars this summer, and Hurzeler feels they are victims of their own success.

He added: "It was clear for everyone that this might happen during a busy transfer window.

"It happens not only in our club, it happens in several clubs.

"Also Villa, with great achievements in the last seasons, means a lot of attention on their players."

WINGER 'N A PRAYER . . . Alejandro Garnacho is out to kickstart his career after a switch to Villa from Chelsea

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GARNA TAKE IT SLOWLY

Unai to protect winger after wave of criticism

By GRAHAM HILL

UNAI EMERY admits Aston Villa must "protect" Alejandro Garnacho as the winger aims to kickstart his career.

Garnacho, 22, joined Villa on loan from Chelsea last month in a deal which is set to see the Argentina winger sign permanently next year in a deal worth £42million.

But he is ready to make his debut for the club at Brighton today, having faced criticism from his time at Stamford Bridge last season and, before that, at Manchester United.

Former Villa skipper Gabby Agbonlahor has been among those questioning the Spanish gaffer's decision to take on Garnacho.

The player's attitude has been highlighted after a disappointing single season at Chelsea, scoring only once in the Prem. But the Villa chief believes that Garnacho can play a key role in a season of huge change after Ezri Konsa, Morgan Rogers, Youri Tielemans and Lucas Digne all left the club this summer.

Emery, 54, said: "We need to protect him and support him. Everything around him can get some noise.

"But he's starting to recover his capacity again and trying to feel more of his confidence.

"He will need time to train and feel comfortable in our structure, and to get fit.

"But it's a process and we knew this before we signed him. He trains well every day,

"I'm seeing him happy, and his adaptation on the field is getting better."

Garnacho's pre-season was halted by a bang in the face during a pre-season friendly against BG Pathum United in Thailand.

That resulted in a spell on the sidelines due to mandatory concussion protocols.

Emery added: "He's had a kick in his head and couldn't play the last three matches. But he is feeling better and is fit to play."

Emery could finish up losing six of the team that finished fourth and won the Europa League last season.

Konsa joined champions Arsenal for £55million on Friday following on from Rogers' record-breaking £117m move to Chelsea.

Tielemans has joined Manchester United while Digne went back to his former club Paris Saint-Germain.

But striker Ollie Watkins is still wanted by Saudi side Al Hilal, and Argentina goalkeeper Emi Martinez is looking for a club after asking to leave.

Yet, far from being unhappy, Emery appears to be relishing the prospect of building a new Villa squad . . . as he has done it before.

When his Sevilla side won the Europa League in 2014, the core of his team left that summer.

But Emery's new-look line-up bounced back and won the trophy again 12 months later.

The Spaniard *(above)* admitted: "I have experienced this, with the changes I'm doing here.

"I've done it before. In Valencia, Sevilla and Villarreal, my experience as a coach is in the same direction as we're doing here. But it can happen at other clubs as well – maybe one year they're making changes, then the next they are not.

"But to do it every year is difficult. Last year, Liverpool added two strikers, it's been less this time.

"But 12 months ago, we didn't do a lot of changes, this year we are."

Emery is aiming to qualify for Europe with Villa for a fifth successive season and knows he has overcome hurdles at the club before.

The former Arsenal boss added: "I'm worried – but I was worried when I faced Manchester United in my first game here almost four years ago.

"I was worried when we lost 5–1 at Newcastle in the first game of the following season.

"And I was worried when we didn't win any of our first five league games last season. We will rebuild again."

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We'll find new Rod

MARESCA ON MISSION

HIGH HOPES . . . boss Maresca believes City can find a Rodri replacement

ENZO MARESCA has faith his Manchester City bosses will find him a "new Rodri".

By KATHERINE WALSH

The new Etihad chief is scrambling for midfield cover amid a major summer overhaul, with the World Cup winner joining Barcelona for £65million after seven trophy-laden years.

Despite the massive void left by the 2025 Ballon d'Or winner, Maresca says City's history proves they have the blueprint to find a worthy successor.

Rodri's exit is quite alarming. Mateo Kovacic *(top right)* and £116m summer arrival Elliot Anderson *(below right)* are set to start today as Maresca's side hosts Bournemouth in his first Prem game in charge.

And Maresca, 47, said: "I will solve the problem. I'll try to find a new Rodri. It is what it is.

"Rodri, when he arrived here, he didn't win the Ballon d'Or, he didn't win the Champions League.

"He didn't win the Club World Cup, then he joined the club and achieved many things."

Rodri won 12 major honours under Pep Guardiola after joining in 2019 from Atletico Madrid.

The Spain star, 30, is the latest in a long line of world-class midfielders to leave City – including David Silva, Fernandinho, Kevin De Bruyne and Ilkay Gundogan over the years.

Maresca said: "Now, our target is to try to find the new Rodri. I was thinking last night . . . when Silva was here, everyone was worried – then Kevin arrived.

"When Sergio Aguero was here, everyone was worried – then Erling Haaland arrived. Fernandinho leaves, Rodri arrives.

"When they leave, you need to be good and recruit the next one. But they are all similar.

"David, Kevin, Fernandinho, Rodri, Aguero, Erling. There is one more that now I follow but last night I thought about that."

Maresca served as Guardiola's assistant during City's 2022-23 Treble campaign, bowing out with a 1-0 Champions League final victory over Inter Milan before taking charge at Leicester.

Yet the Italian, who also managed Chelsea to European success in between, insists this City squad is virtually unrecognisable from the one he left in 2023.

He said: "The people inside the building are still the same.

"But it is true, 90 per cent of the squad is not the squad of three years ago.

"I think there are three or four players."

Haaland could potentially be the sole survivor from the starting XI against Inter after the September 1 deadline.

Fellow Istanbul starter Jack Grealish is on the chopping block after his season-long loan with Everton was cut short by injury and Ruben Dias is on AC Milan's radar.

In a summer of upheaval, skipper Bernardo Silva, John Stones, Nathan Ake, Tijjani Reijnders, Manuel Akanji and James Trafford have all left the club following Guardiola's May exit.

Maresca said: "If a player wants to go he can go, absolutely. Because if he is not happy, he is not going to perform in the right way."

City have agreed a £75m club-record sale for Savinho to join Tottenham, with fellow forward Omar Marmoush ready to join him. That would be eight players out the door in this window.

City will back Maresca in the market, with chiefs closing in on an £85m move for midfielder Ayyoub Bouaddi, 18, from French side Lille, after a knockback for Crystal Palace's Adam Wharton.

They could also move for Chelsea captain Enzo Fernandez.

Maresca said: "It's ten days to go.

"Hopefully we can do the things we need to.

"It's a similar situation for all clubs and fans because you are waiting to do things.

"It doesn't help that certain players want to leave, so we have to adapt.

"Clubs normally have to wait because all the clubs try to keep players until the final week of the season and then sell with more money. I'm not worried about it."

SMUDGE'S NOT KIDDING ABOUT

SMITH . . . leader

ADAM SMITH is ready to play the Godfather again in Bournemouth's latest rags-to-riches fairytale.

By GRAHAM NICKLESS

Smith kicks off his 14th season with the Cherries at Manchester City today hell-bent on protecting his young team-mates.

And with the Prem's smallest club facing extra games thanks to Europa League qualification, Smudge will be on full 'babysitting' alert.

Captain Smith, 35, is playing in Europe for the first time, alongside 20-year-old forwards Rayan, Eli Junior Kroupi and Ben Gannon-Doak.

In fact, 19 of their 35-man squad, now managed by new German boss Marco Rose, are 25 years or under.

That puts extra responsibility on defender Smith – who has more than 400 club appearances to his name.

He admitted: "What this club has achieved in my time here is crazy.

"And maybe when I'm retired I can look back on it all with pride.

"I'm focusing on being the best player, and best captain, I can be.

"I have a special role to play as I feel responsible for the many young players we have. They look to me when they are experiencing difficult moments. I do take on a lot of responsibility with the younger lads."

The ex-Tottenham full-back signed a permanent deal with the then-Championship Cherries in 2014 after a number of loan spells.

Smith is serving his **SEVENTH** boss after playing for Eddie Howe, Jason Tindall, Jonathan Woodgate, Scott Parker, Gary O'Neil and Andoni Iraola.

Ex-RB Leipzig chief Rose replaced Liverpool-bound Iraola this summer.

Smith added: "He's come in with new ideas but not changed too much, which the players are happy with."

RAYAN . . . rising star

GORETZKA . . . free

Goretzka all set for Villa deal

By DAVE WARD

ASTON VILLA are closing in on landing Germany star Leon Goretzka.

The midfielder, 31, is a free agent following his summer exit from Bayern Munich — and Villa are understood to have held positive talks.

Goretzka should put pen to paper after a medical in the next few days.

The 71-cap star won the Bundesliga seven times and the Champions League in his eight-year spell at German giants Bayern.

And he will provide the experience Villa boss Unai Emery is looking for in midfield following the sale of Youri Tielemans to Manchester United and the ACL injury suffered by Amadou Onana, who is set to miss the entire season.

Villa are also keen on Southampton centre-back Taylor Harwood-Bellis after Ezri Konsa's £51million move to Arsenal was completed on Friday.

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KAMWA . . . celebration

Evans in Kamwa defence

By VIC HOLLY

BRISTOL ROVERS boss Steve Evans defended forward Bobby Kamwa after a goal celebration against his old club sparked aggro.

Kamwa — who quit Newport in the summer — ran the length of the field when he netted in Rovers' 5-3 League Two win over County.

But the Cameroonian, 26, was pelted with plastic bottles as he taunting visiting Newport fans, who booed him all game.

Evans said: "Obviously the celebration caused a few issues.

"I can remember a very famous footballer who ran 90 yards to celebrate when he scored a fantastic goal.

"Bobby's is a fantastic goal but the comments aimed at Bobby today have no place in football.

"If they're not giving Bobby some outrageous chants, I don't think Bobby would have been running 100 yards."

CHAMPIONS LGE DONETSK AT CHELSEA

Boom! Shak the room

By MARTIN LIPTON

PREM RIVALS CAN ROCK STAMFORD BRIDGE

ARSENAL, Liverpool or Manchester United fans could pack out STAMFORD BRIDGE this season.

Shakhtar Donetsk struck a deal to play home Champions League games at Chelsea's ground amid the Ukraine war.

And that could pave the way for thousands of English fans to flood the Bridge if they are drawn to "visit" Shakhtar in Thursday's league-stage draw.

Uefa say clubs must offer at least five per cent of available capacity to visiting fans.

But there is no maximum cap on the split between home and away supporters.

London's large Ukrainian population means Donetsk could enjoy sizeable "home" support.

But the deal to play in SW6 – with at least four matches at the Bridge – opens up the prospect of thousands of English away fans outnumbering "home" support, if they are drawn to play one of the five Prem sides.

A Uefa insider said: "The split of tickets for Champions League games is decided between the clubs involved, as long as rules are followed. There is nothing to stop Shakhtar selling more than five per cent if they want to."

That could see thousands of Prem fans get a first chance to see their team at the Bridge.

Top-flight rules mean visiting clubs are capped at 3,000 tickets although that rises to over 4,000 for FA Cup ties.

HOME RUN . . . Shakhtar are to play at the Bridge

SUPER KANE'S OFF TO A FLIER

By JON WEST

HARRY KANE added to his medal collection as Bayern Munich kicked off their season by lifting the German Super Cup.

Michael Olise was the champs' key man, however, with a goal and assist in the 2-1 win over Borussia Dortmund.

The London-born France star set up Nathaniel Brown's opener, then made it 2-0 before the break.

Fabio Silva pulled one back but his team-mate Ramy Bensebaini was sent off late on.

England skipper Kane *(left)* completed the game in Dortmund, as did compatriot Jobe Bellingham for the hosts.

A delighted Kane, 33, wrote on X: "Kicking off 26-27 in the best possible way."

New Germany manager Jurgen Klopp was part of the 81,365 crowd.

He's the Espicial One

ORDERS . . . Mourinho last night

By CARL LONG

JUDE BELLINGHAM netted early against Espanyol — but it was his Real Madrid replacement who handed Jose Mourinho a dramatic late winner.

Mourinho's first match in charge on returning to the club he bossed from 2010 to 2012 was seconds away from a disappointing draw.

But summer signing Carlos Espi, on for Bellingham in the 80th minute, struck in stoppage time to give the Special One a 2-1 victory. Bellingham headed home from Arda Guler's free-kick after nine minutes.

But the hosts levelled on the half-hour mark when new recruit Alex Calatrava was allowed too much space in front of goal.

England star Bellingham, who hit seven goals at the World Cup, hit the bar early in the second half.

But it took Espi, a £22million capture from Levante, to clinch all three points.

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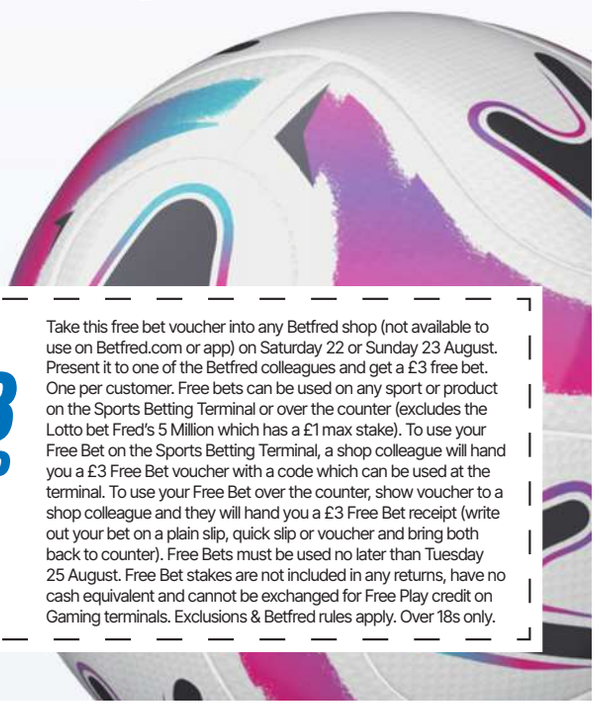

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MATETA

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he joined Palace permanently back in January 2022 – in a deal that also included the option of a 12-month extension.

Eagles chiefs activated that option early, in 2024, meaning the hitman's current deal is due to expire at the end of this season.

It is unlikely that Mateta's tactic will work with the game's governing body.

SunSport have approached Fifa for comment.

Mateta was close to joining AC Milan in January but the deal collapsed after a knee issue came to light.

It is another headache for Palace boss Pierre Sage, as right winger Ismaila Sarr is keen to leave for Galatasaray.

The Turkish side hope a £34million switch can be concluded next week.

Senegal ace Sarr *(left)*, 28, wants Champions League football and was not part of the Eagles' squad yesterday.

Everton stun Palace — Goals P1, 2, 3

SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

CRICKET

ROTHESAY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

(Day 3 close)

DIVISION ONE

Surrey v Nottinghamshire

The Kia Oval: Nottinghamshire 184 (68.2 overs; L A Patterson-White 76no; T Lawes 5-45) and 306 (90.3 overs; J M Clarke 95; M D Fisher 4-67, D J Worrall 4-39). Surrey 162 (66.3 overs; O P Stone 6-44) and 183 (56.0 overs; O J D Pope 111; O P Stone 4-50). **Nottinghamshire (19pts) beat Surrey (3pts) by 145 runs.**

Warwickshire v Sussex

Edgbaston: Sussex 156 (47.4 overs; C R Woakes 4-36) and 207 (61.5 overs; T J Haines 67). Warwickshire 161 (47.3 overs; S F Hunt 4-30) and 206-9 (53.1 overs; V L Jani 62, D R Mousley 58; S F Hunt 5-65). **Warwickshire (19pts) beat Sussex (3pts) by one wicket.**

Hampshire v Yorkshire

The Rose Bowl: Yorkshire 173 (61.2 overs; K J Abbott 4-17) and 301 (98.1 overs; A Lyth 51; F S Organ 4-59). Hampshire 197 (88.0 overs; G C H Hill 5-29) and 106-3 (37.0 overs).

Leicestershire v Glamorgan

Leicester: Leicestershire 151 (62.5 overs) and 257 (74.2 overs; S S E Gumbs 93). Glamorgan 152 (53.1 overs; B W M Mike 4-38, I G Holland 4-30) and 126-5 (47.0 overs; K S Carlson 73no).

Somerset v Essex

Taunton: Somerset 469 (127.5 overs; J F Thomas 110, H M Nicholls 96, J E K Rew 74no, T B Abell 65; S J Cook 4-92). Essex 158 (42.4 overs; M J J Critchley 50; M J Leach 4-37) and 314-3 (115.0 overs; C W J Allison 105no, M J J Critchley 76no, D Elgar 56).

DIVISION TWO

Derbyshire v Durham

Derby: Durham 283 (94.0 overs; G Clark 64, A Z Lees 63, B A Stokes 53; B Aitchison 5-70) and 295-6dec. (61.0 overs; B S McKinney 140, B A Stokes 66no, W M H Rhodes 52). Derbyshire 156 (52.4 overs; M J Potts 5-46) and 84 (25.3 overs; B A Stokes 5-17). **Durham (20pts) beat Derbyshire (3pts) by 338 runs.**

Gloucestershire v Worcestershire

Cheltenham: Gloucestershire 150 (59.5 overs; T W Boorman 60; B M J Allison 5-19), and 248-3 (80.0 overs; O J Price 63no, M A H Hammond 57) Worcestershire 267 (89.2 overs; B L D'Oliveira 83, R M Edavalath 63; R Sai Kishore 4-76).

Lancashire v Northamptonshire

Old Trafford: Northamptonshire 284 (89.2 overs; G A Bartlett 92; G P Balderson 4-70) and 298-4dec. (64.0 overs; R Vasconcelos 100, Saif Zaib 55no). Lancashire 137 (47.4 overs; B W Sanderson 4-39) and 24-2 (11.0 overs).

Middlesex v Kent

Northwood: Kent 350 (91.3 overs; S A Northeast 87, Z Crawley 81; T S Roland-Jones 5-71) and 254 (68.4 overs; B G Compton 65, T Muyeye 64). Middlesex 249 (55.4 overs; M E Milnes 5-53, M R Quinn 4-52) and 186-4 (42.0 overs).

CYCLING

VUELTA A ESPANA: Stage 1 (Monaco, 9.4km) - 1 T Pogacar (Slo) UAE Team Emirates-XRG 10m 57s, 2 E Hayter (GB) Soudal Quick-Step at same time, 3 J Tarling (GB) Netcompany INEOS Cycling Team +4s, 4 C Thomley (GB) Red Bull-BORA-hansgrohe +5s, 5 C Laporte (Fra) Team Visma I Lease a Bike +6s.

LLOYDS TOUR OF BRITAIN WOMEN: Stage 4 (Llanidloes to Hay-on-Waye, 138.3km) - 1 L Wiebes (Hol) Team SD Worx-Protime 3h 41m 13s, 2 L Lippert (Ger) Movistar Team, 3 K Le Court (Mus) AG Insurance-Soudal Team, 4 K Courtney (USA) FDJ United-SUEZ, 5 P Georgi (GB) Team Picnic PostNL at same time. **Overall -** 1 Le Court 13h 59m 35s, 2 L Lippert +24s, 3 Wiebes +29s, 9 J Nelson (GB) Team Picnic PostNL +56s, 15 Georgi +1m 22s

RENEWI TOUR (Belgium): **Stage 4** (Riemst to Bilzen-Hoeselt, 187.3km) - 1 J Philipsen (Bel) Alpecin-Premier Tech 3h 57m 45s, 2 O Kooij (Hol) Decathlon CMA CGM Team, 3 A Borgo (Ita) Bahrain Victorious, 4 D Groenewegen (Hol) Unibet Rose Rockets, 5 L Mozzato (Ita) Tudor Pro Cycling Team at same time . **Overall -** 1 Philipsen 15h 22m 18s, 2 J Berckmoes (Bel) Lotto-Intermarche +4s, 3 Kooij +10s, 9 R Donaldson (GB) Team Jayco-AlUla +29s.

GOLF

NEXO CHAMPIONSHIP (Aberdeen): **3rd Rnd** (Gbr & Irl unless stated) **- 207** S Norris (Rsa) 72 69 66, **209** M Jordan 72 69 68, **210** S Jamieson 70 71 69, **212** K Nakajima (Jpn) 70 72 70, M Southgate 70 70 72, **213** A Sullivan 71 73 69, B Follett-Smith (Zim) 69 73 71, C McKinney (Aus) 73 71 69, **214** M Couvra (Fra) 72 71 71, A Otaegui UAE 72 73 69, M Kinhult (Swe) 67 74 73, D Young 75 68 71, F Zanotti (Pry) 74 71 69, **215** P Reed (USA) 72 73 70, E Ferguson 75 70 70, E Baker 69 73 73, J Dean 76 71 68, E Walker 74 69 72, Q Vidal (Spa) 71 71 73.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

CATALANS (12) **26 HULL** (14) **27**

Catalans - Tries: Staines, Leeming, Rogers-Smith, Darrelatour. Goals: Aispuro-Bichet (5).

Hull - Tries: Moy, Martin, Hill, Sezer. Goals: Sezer (5). Drop Goals: Arthur.

HULL K R (6) **12 TOULOUSE** (6) **32**

Hull K R - Tries: Minchella, Gorman. Goals: Martin (2).

Toulouse - Tries: Jussaume, Tropis (2), Marion, Ulberg, Polselli. Goals: Rouge (4).

ST HELENS (30) **36 CASTLEFORD** (0) **12**

St Helens - Tries: Welsby, Wright, Douglas, Humphreys, Sailor, McDonald. Goals: Hastings (5), Sailor.

Castleford - Tries: Senior, Laulu-Togagae. Goals: McNamara (2).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	24	19	0	5	715	419	38
Leeds	23	18	0	5	784	346	36
Warrington	23	17	0	6	632	388	34
Wakefield	24	16	0	8	637	448	32
Leigh	24	16	0	8	570	438	32
Hull K R	24	15	0	9	700	415	30
St Helens	24	14	0	10	584	520	28
Catalans	24	9	0	15	475	718	18
Toulouse	24	8	0	16	492	630	16
Castleford	24	8	0	16	420	752	16
Hull	24	7	0	17	426	525	14
York	23	7	0	16	454	665	14
Huddsfield	23	6	0	17	401	661	12
BradFord	24	6	0	18	402	767	12

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP - Goole Vikings 32 Swinton 28, Newcastle 56 Midlands Hurricanes 20.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
London Br	22	21	0	1	1387	266	42
Newcastle	23	20	0	3	1037	296	40
Oldham	22	19	0	3	719	361	38
Doncaster	22	17	0	5	855	347	34
Widnes	22	16	0	6	709	332	32
Barrow	23	16	0	7	607	427	32
Sheffield	22	15	0	7	607	513	30
Midlands	23	12	1	10	554	650	25
Whitehaven	22	10	1	11	496	597	21
Batley	22	10	0	12	591	529	20
Dewsbury	22	8	0	14	488	574	16
Goole Vikings	23	8	0	15	518	831	16
Rochdale	22	8	0	14	371	694	16
Salford RLFC	22	7	0	15	498	744	14
Hunslet	23	7	0	16	468	758	14
Swinton	23	6	1	16	468	724	13
Workington	22	5	1	16	440	666	11
Keighley	22	4	2	16	485	654	10
Halifax	22	8	0	14	528	591	4
North Wales	22	3	0	19	272	1544	-6

* Halifax & North Wales deducted 12 points

BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE: Wigan 56 St Helens Women 4.

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH

S AFRICA (13) **16 N ZEALAND** (12) **33**

South Africa - Tries: Esterhuizen. Cons: Kolbe. Pens: Kolbe (3).

New Zealand - Tries: Jordan (2), Moorby, Holland, Jacobson. Cons: Love (4).

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL - New Zealand 66 Australia 19.

TENNIS

ATP & WTA CINCINNATI OPEN (Ohio): **Quarter-finals, Men -** F Tiafoe (USA) bt L Musetti (Ita) 7-6 (7-2) 7-5; B Nakashima (USA) bt T Fritz (USA) 7-6 (11-9) 4-6 6-3. **Women -** S Bejlek (Cze) bt M Keys (USA) 3-6 6-4 7-6 (7-5). **Men's Semi-Finals:** A Fils (Fra) bt F Cobolli (Ita) 6-3 6-4.

TODAY'S SPORT

CRICKET

County Championship - Division One (day 4 of 4, 11am): Hampshire v Yorkshire (The Rose Bowl), Leicestershire v Glamorgan (Leicester), Somerset v Essex (Taunton).

Division Two: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire (Cheltenham), Lancashire v Northamptonshire (Old Trafford), Middlesex v Kent (Northwood).

CYCLING

Tour of Britain Women - Stage 5 (Royal Leamington Spa, 123.8km).

FORMULA 1

Dutch Grand Prix (Circuit Zandvoort).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League (3.0)**:** Warrington v Huddersfield, York v Leeds.

Betfred Championship (3.0)**:** Barrow v Whitehaven, Dewsbury v Batley, Doncaster v Sheffield, Hunslet v Rochdale, London Broncos v Halifax, North Wales Crusaders v Keighley, Oldham v Salford RLFC, Widnes v Workington.

Betfred Women's Super League (12.0)**:** Barrow v Leigh, Huddersfield v Featherstone (2.0), York v Leeds.

PREM TOP GUNNERS

Starting like a train

SAKA: I HAD ONLY WEEK OFF TO COME BACK READY

BUK WITH A BANG . . . Saka celebrates his goal against Coventry as he puts disappointing summer with England firmly behind him

By SIMON COLLINGS

BUKAYO SAKA could be forgiven for starting this season slowly and with a World Cup hangover.

The winger endured a frustrating tournament and his hat-trick in England's third-place play-off win over France came in only a third start.

But there were no lingering signs of that disappointment – nor the Achilles issue that had dogged Saka since March – on Friday night.

He was electric and scored Arsenal's second goal as the champions began their title defence with a convincing 3-0 win over Coventry.

For Saka, 24, it was reward for his hard work during a short break, where he learned the best tonic for any hangover is getting a sweat on.

The winger said: "I was training a lot so I could be ready for the start of the season – and ready to help the team in the way I know I can.

"It was more about balancing my time off and not having too much of a break. I took seven days off and then started to train again.

"I've put in a lot of work since then and I'm feeling good. I just tried to come back in good shape, so I'm on top of my body.

"The World Cup didn't necessarily go how I wanted it to – for myself and for the team as well.

"I felt really hungry after the World Cup, after the season ended. I was looking forward to this new season."

There had been suspicions Gunners boss Mikel Arteta would look to ease Saka back into action this season.

But the winger put paid to that by returning to training a few days early and expressing his desire to get going.

The end result is that Arsenal's attack has looked sharp in their first two games of the season.

A 3-0 win over Manchester City in the Community Shield last Sunday was followed with another three goals against Prem new boys Coventry.

The Gunners looked sluggish going forward on their way to winning the Prem last term but early signs suggest their title defence will be different.

Saka and captain Martin Odegaard have rekindled the connection that makes them so dangerous – and suddenly the attack is flowing.

Odegaard *(right)* scored Arsenal's third on Friday night and the first came courtesy of Kai Havertz, who also adds to the team's fluency.

Just like Saka, a fit Odegaard has made a huge difference and the pair will take some stopping on this form.

Saka added: "Martin is playing really well. Last week against City he played really well, got his goal and he has done the same again.

"When he plays well, the team is just a lot better. And this was a great start for the team.

"We played beautiful football and scored the goals the game required."

Saka caught the eye against Frank Lampard's Sky Blues – but Christos Tzolis on the opposite flank was just as impressive.

The winger has hit the ground running since moving from Club Brugge in the summer for £34million.

Tzolis, 24, had a hand in Saka's goal as it was his cross that Coventry goalkeeper Carl Rushworth spilled to the England star's feet.

It capped off a stunning home debut for the Greek – and he is quickly becoming a fan favourite.

Arsenal remain in the market for a new left winger after missing out on both Morgan Rogers and Vinicius Jr this summer but all-action Tzolis has shown that he is ready to step up.

He said: "There was a lot of excitement when I had the ball and that gave me motivation to have confidence in my actions."

Arteta also played down fears over fellow new boy Bruno Guimaraes' fitness.

The Brazilian midfielder – a £75m buy from Newcastle – missed the Prem opener with a groin issue.

But asked if he could be out for weeks, Arteta replied: "No, no. We don't expect that.

"Let's see how he evolves this week."

PREM

FOCUS ON KOP UP TOP

FOR BETTER

Iraola wants all-rounder Isak

PLENTY TO PROVE . . . Isak (left) and Wirtz

ANDONI IRAOLA revealed he is 'fighting' with Alexander Isak to make him a goal provider as well as a scorer.

By **KEN LAWRENCE**

The Swede faces a torrid time today from Newcastle fans, who see him as a traitor for going on strike last summer to force through a £130million move to Liverpool.

New Reds boss Iraola is also ramping up pressure on the striker to do more for his team ahead of a first St James' Park return since **THAT** controversial exit.

Isak endured a miserable first season at Anfield in which he broke his leg, made just 12 starts in 22 appearances and scored only four times.

Iraola is convinced the Swedish star, 26, will finally deliver in the same fashion that once made him a hero on Tyneside.

But the Basque wants more from a player who was never fully fit under axed predecessor Arne Slot.

Iraola declared: "Alex is going to be a very important player for us this season.

"Right now, he is in a very good place.

"He has been training every day, has not missed a session and has been adding more and more minutes every friendly game.

"He played a very good World Cup in terms of availability – fitness level – and I want to keep him there as much as we can.

"We know his level and, if we can keep him there, he will score goals and give us a lot of things.

"Probably my fight with him, my instructions, are more in terms of without the ball.

"How he can help in his position when we have the ball, so he can open spaces for other players.

"I am not trying to focus in terms of goals but he is a striker – he will want to score.

"But I try not to judge strikers if they score or if they haven't."

What might help Isak get his mojo back – after hitting the net 62 times over three seasons for Toon – would be ammunition from the flanks.

Iraola admitted, "We don't have enough wingers" ahead of the trip to Newcastle for his first Prem game in charge of the Reds.

Kop chiefs have spent the summer failing to persuade Paris Saint-Germain to lower their asking price for 23-year-old forward Bradley Barcola – who was was not in the PSG squad for their Ligue 1 opener last night – as the marquee replacement for departed superstar Mo Salah.

They then switched attention to Brighton's Yankuba Minteh last week but saw a first £50m bid turned down.

The Seagulls snubbed a second approach on Friday when the Reds increased their offer by £10m.

It is understood only a fee of at least £70m will capture the right-sided attacker – although Minteh wants a move to Merseyside.

The Gambian international, 22, was linked with Liverpool last season having played on loan under Slot at Feyenoord.

And Minteh underlined his desire to join the Anfield giants in a recent interview.

Minteh, who signed for Brighton two years ago for £33m from Toon, declared: "I always dream and I always had this belief in me that, one day, I will play in one of the biggest teams in the world

"As long as it's a big club, I will go there because everyone wants to play in the Champions League.

"But I think that the club which suits me really well, I would say is Liverpool."

..FOR WIRTZ

Collymore urges £100m Flo to make his mark

STAN COLLYMORE challenged Florian Wirtz to step up and start imposing himself on English football.

By **DAN KING**

Liverpool playmaker Wirtz has struggled to make an impression after his £100million move from Bayer Leverkusen last summer.

The Germany international, 23, can point to wider issues at Anfield which led to a disappointing campaign and the sacking of boss Arne Slot.

But former Reds striker Collymore reckons it is down to Wirtz to show his quality under new head coach Andoni Iraola.

Collymore, 55, said: "He has to be better this season and I think that is **HIS** responsibility.

"But this time he needs to lead the attack and be the focus, and he needs to show that he can make an impact more regularly.

"When he plays for Germany, he dominates matches to the point where you walk away thinking he was head and shoulders above everyone else on the pitch. He hasn't reached that level consistently for Liverpool yet."

Wirtz was far from the only big signing to have a difficult first season at Liverpool as Alexander Isak found it hard to get going after his £130m British record move from Newcastle.

The Swedish striker then broke his leg which kept him out of much of the campaign. Speaking on behalf of 10bet, Collymore said he feels it is down to a player like Wirtz to impose his personality and quality on matches.

He added: "I don't think he's controlling enough games for Liverpool yet.

"The key thing you want is to completely occupy the opposition for 15 or 20-minute spells.

"Where is he positioning himself? What is he creating? Right now, he goes in and out of matches.

"While someone like Isak needs to dictate where he wants the service, Wirtz needs to control games much more through his ability.

"At the moment, he operates as a bit-part player who shows flashes of brilliance, leaving people expecting something to happen that then doesn't materialise. If he can dominate games with an eight-out-of-ten performance week in, week out, Liverpool become a more three-dimensional team."

Collymore knows about the pressure of joining a big club for a big fee as his £8.5m arrival at Kop in 1995 shattered the English record.

And the ex-England international said of Isak: "After the transfer battle the previous season and the lack of pre-season, he struggled.

"This summer he's had a full pre-season with the new manager and he's got to play with his team-mates from the start."

Today's fixture will bring back memories for Collymore, who scored the winner in the famous 4-3 victory for Liverpool over Newcastle at Anfield in April 1996.

Stan Collymore was speaking on behalf of 10bet. For the latest Premier League odds and offers, search for 10bet.

LIVERPOOL RECORDS LAST SEASON (All competitions)

Wirtz		Isak
49	Games	22
86%	% Games played	39%
3,502	Mins played	1,033
71	Ave mins p/game	47
7	Goals	4
8	Assists	1
51%	Win rate	50%

BIG FANS . . . Jaissle wants Toon Army backing

New boss backs Dan fortress plan

By CHRIS HUGHES

MATTHIAS JAISSLE agrees with Dan Burn that Newcastle need to adopt a siege mentality.

England defender Burn is the new Toon skipper after Bruno Guimaraes' £75million move to Arsenal.

The Geordie favourite, 34, has said it is "us against the world" after the loss of key men this summer — and new boss Jaissle says he is spot on.

Ahead of today's home Premier League opener against Liverpool, the German said: "Dan is a leader and captain and said that on purpose as he is also realistic.

"He sees the situation — and I totally agree. That can give us a strength.

"If there is a good synergy with the fans and they back us, I am 100 per cent convinced that it could benefit us — and we want to use that."

Jaissle's predecessor Eddie Howe left this summer after ending Toon's 70-year wait for a major domestic trophy with last year's Carabao Cup win.

Key players Anthony Gordon, Sandro Tonali, Kieran Tripper also left along with Guimaraes.

Asked what would now represent a successful campaign, Jaissle said: "That we see development, that we see improvement in our way of playing and more togetherness of the group.

"When you have a transition like we have right now with many challenges, then it's always the best case that you see that improvement, you see that development — and that will be a big success."

The Reds will arrive with ex-Magpie Alexander Isak among their ranks for the first time since his controversial £130m switch to Anfield last year.

His reception will be in marked contrast to the pre-match outpouring of affection for the late Kevin Keegan, a legend at both clubs.

Jaissle added: "I think our fans will focus on our lads, engaging with them, supporting them — that will be the most important thing."

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NEWCASTLE v LIVERPOOL

NEW JOB FOR ROB . . . Lee with Newcastle boss Keegan and club owner Sir John Hall after signing for the Magpies in 1992

ROB LEE loved Kevin Keegan and hailed the late Newcastle legend as the "next best thing to my dad."

By **IAN MURTAGH**

EXCLUSIVE

And the feeling was mutual as former Toon boss Keegan claimed Lee was his finest-ever signing at St James' Park.

That is some tribute because King Kev smashed the transfer world record to bring Alan Shearer home from Blackburn for £15million in 1996.

He also brought the likes of David Ginola and Tino Asprilla to the Toon so Lee is in fine company.

So Keegan's death last month at the age of 75 after a battle with cancer hit Lee *(right)* hard.

Former Magpies and England midfielder Lee, 60, was at home on his own when he heard Keegan had passed away.

He emotionally revealed: "I have got to admit I shed quite a few tears that day.

"In fact, I shut myself off from the world for a few hours.

"Within minutes of it breaking, I was inundated with requests for interviews ut I had to turn them all wn. I was just too numb."

will be back on e for the visit of Liverpool long with many of his foram-mates from the 1990s ether became known – and – as 'The Entertainers.'

Lee said: "I am quite fortunate because in my capacity as Hornchurch director of football, I'm in Carlisle over the weekend, which is only 50 miles from Newcastle (Hornchurch lost 4-1).

"But even if we had been playing in the south west, I would still have been there.

"Nothing in the world would stop me."

Keegan's Magpies may have missed out on major honours but Lee regards the five years he played under the legendary England forward were the best years of his life.

Lee, who like Keegan, wore the No7 black and white shirt, said: "He changed my career and he changed my life.

"People did not believe me when I said I had Keegan posters plastered all over my bedroom walls – but it's true.

"He was my boyhood hero and I was lucky enough to play under him.

"Believe me, it was the biggest of dreams come true."

Lee kept in touch with Keegan long after the two left Tyneside and saw him most recently last November.

He said: "It was at a do in Upminster, near where I live. His wife Jean was there with him and my family went along too. It was a great night. He was the same Kevin I'd always known.

"He was witty, bubbly, friendly and oozing charisma.

"And, of course, he stayed long after midnight signing autographs and chatting to people.

"Little could I imagine that would be the last time that I ever saw him in the flesh."

Lee is now looking forward to a reunion with so many of Newcastle's greatest-ever players who starred in the Keegan era.

And, of course, the Newcastle versus Liverpool fixture evokes so many memories – some particularly painful.

Lee admitted: "I have lost count of the number of times I've been asked if I want to see another 4-3 thriller!

"Let's not forget we lost the most famous one, which was a result which really cost us.

"There is this myth surrounding Kevin that he'd prefer to lose 4-3 than to win 1-0 – but that's rubbish.

"Remember, he was a winner throughout his life and winners hate losing.

"Don't get me wrong, he loved attacking football and he was so proud of that Entertainers' tag.

"He'd always tell us we had a duty to entertain our public and I think it's fair to say we managed to do that. I cannot recall too many goalless draws when he was in charge.

"I just wish we could have got over the line that season because that's what Kevin deserved."

So will this afternoon's Prem clash at St James' be another high-scoring affair?

Lee said: "Well, I'd love to see it because that would be the ultimate tribute to the man himself – but only with Newcastle winning of course!"

Since his death, there has been much talk of Keegan being honoured with a statue outside St James' or even having a stand named after him.

The club have already announced there will be official recognition of the great man.

But Lee feels that perhaps the club should have paid tribute to one of their favourite sons a long time ago.

He added: "Look, it's all a bit late, isn't it? Something should have been done years ago.

"I loved Sir Bobby Robson and Alan Shearer is a big mate but Kevin's statue should have been erected before anyone elses.

"Kev rescued Newcastle United from oblivion not once but twice.

"First as a player in the early-Eighties and then as a manager.

"Newcastle were in the old Second Division when he joined as a genuine footballing superstar and led them to promotion.

"And what he did as a manager is now the stuff of folklore."

There will be tears and cheers for Keegan at around 4.25pm today but you suspect that when the minute's applause is over, no-one will have a bigger lump in his throat than the great man's greatest-ever signing.

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LEE PREM RECORD UNDER NEWCASTLE MANAGERS (1992-2002)

	GAMES	GOALS	ASSISTS	WIN RATE
1992-97 **Kevin Keegan**	133	27	22	55%
1997-98 **Kenny Dalglish**	42	6	4	40%
1998-99 **Ruud Gullit**	24	0	2	29%
1999 **Steve Clarke**	1	0	0	0%
1999-02 **Bobby Robson**	67	1	3	45%

KEE MAN . . . Lee shone during King Kev's reign

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PREMIER LEAGUE

BRENTFORD 3

LEWIS-POTTER 12; JANELT 33; KAYODE 49

JON BON JOVIAL . . . chuffed rock legend watches at Brentford as the Bees claim an impressive Prem win at the GTech

MATCH STATS

BRENTFORD		TOTTENHAM
26	SHOTS	9
8	SHOTS ON TARGET	4
41%	POSSESSION	59%
354	PASSES	523
293	COMPLETED PASSES	461
40	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	18
7	CORNERS	3
17	FOULS CONCEDED	14
1/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	1/0
MATCH TIME: 95m 09s		
BALL IN PLAY: 54m 00s		

SHOCK 'N ROAR . . . Bees manager Keith Andrews enjoys opener

LIVIN' ON A MARE!

Spurs rocked in front of Bon Jovi

THEIR starting team might only be halfway there — but Tottenham fans are still Livin' On a Prayer.

Roberto De Zerbi's huge summer spend, splashing £230million, had given plenty of optimism.

But as is **ALWAYS** the case with Spurs, it is never that easy.

Jon Bon Jovi — a pal of one of the Brentford board members — was in the crowd to see the Bees rock De Zerbi.

And, following last season's close shave with relegation, it was a nightmare start for the Italian boss.

Keane Lewis-Potter set the hosts on their way inside 12 minutes, having been teed up by Brentford's own new boy Mamadou Sangare.

One became two on 33 minutes when Vitaly Janelt tapped home a rebound, and the misery was compounded shortly after the break by Michael Kayode.

It should have been worse, too, for the out-of-tune visitors but Igor Thiago later fired a second-half penalty against a post.

Spurs fielded four of their summer recruits — including initial £92.5m record buy Sandro Tonali — but looked like a team of strangers.

De Zerbi said on Friday his two main targets this season were to find the "soul" of the team and its "organisation" — but his rabble lacked both.

Gleeful Brentford fans mocked their guests at one point by singing: "Thomas Frank, he's laughing at you."

It was in reference to De Zerbi's predecessor-but-one, Frank, who left the Bees for Spurs last summer but ended up despised by Tottenham fans and was

3 BRENTFORD have won three of their six opening day games in the Prem (D2 L1), with all three wins coming at home. It was their biggest opening league victory since 2018-19 in the Championship (5-1 v Rotherham).

3 TOTTENHAM suffered their joint-heaviest defeat on the opening day of a Premier League season, having also lost 3-0 against Manchester United at Old Trafford in 2011-12.

49 MICHAEL KAYODE'S goal in the 49th minute is the second-earliest Brentford have been three goals ahead in a home Prem game after Manchester United in Aug 2022 (30th minute).

SPURS 0

TOP OF THE FLOPS . . . Kayode seizes on more dire defending by Spurs to grab the Bees' third goal

GRAY . . . rookie skipper

RDZ

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defeat. I am surprised and suffering from this defeat.

"They deserved to win and we played very bad.

"There were many new players but it was the first game. It's part of our journey.

"With a lot of new players, we knew we needed soul and style of play to become a team.

"There was the soul but we didn't fight in the right way."

With Spurs still waiting to complete an £85m deal to sign winger Savinho from Manchester City, De Zerbi started 19-year-old Mikey Moore on the right wing.

That is despite the youngster having a loan move to Cologne waiting for him when Savinho comes through the door.

Moore, who missed three chances after the break, was singled out by De Zerbi for his substandard pressing.

Lucas Bergvall was subbed at half-time, along with Conor Gallagher, after giving the ball away for the second goal.

Italian De Zerbi, 47, added: "We made a lot of mistakes in the timing of the pressure with Mikey.

"We arrived too many times late and we lost too many duels to compete.

> There are no excuses — we got outfought
> — ARCHIE GRAY

"Lucas Bergvall, the second goal . . . he didn't play bad, even though I substituted him.

"But Lucas, in the next two years, will not lose the ball in that moment.

"Now the focus is to become a team. It's important, this defeat."

Archie Gray became Spurs' youngest-ever captain in a competitive game, aged 20 years and 163 days. He said: "It was amazing and I'm grateful for the manager trusting me.

"I don't think there's any excuses. We got outfought."

Brentford boss Keith Andrews was delighted with the "pretty impressive" performance.

He singled out midfielder Mamadou Sangare, 24, who shone on debut following his club-record £39m signing from Lens.

Andrews said: "It's really nice working with him. He's slotted in well.

"I'm very content with the squad. If the window closed tomorrow, I would be very happy."

as Bees have a nice day

ON POINT . . . Lewis-Potter enjoys his opener

By **TOM BARCLAY**

sacked after eight months. De Zerbi picked up the mess left by Frank — and his failed interim successor Igor Tudor — with seven games to go and somehow kept Spurs up.

That has seen the club back him heavily in the transfer market, with £85m winger Savinho expected through the door from Manchester City this week.

Etihad team-mate Omar Marmoush and possibly one other forward could be arriving, too.

If Spurs' owners were in any doubt whether De Zerbi needed more expensive arrivals, then this alarming display should have clarified it for them.

Spurs were in dire straits all over but, up top, they looked devoid of any quality whatsoever.

Mikey Moore, 19, has been waiting for a fortnight to go out on loan to Cologne and you could see why — his three misses at 3-0 summed up how he is not ready to be regular starter for Spurs in the Premier League.

De Zerbi turned to another kid as his captain for the day in Archie Gray, with newly named skipper Micky van de Ven and his deputy Pedro Porro not yet fit to feature.

At 20 years and 163 days, Gray beat Steve Perryman's record by 97 days to become the youngest player to take the armband for Spurs in a competitive match. It must have been a chastening experience for the former Brentford target — filling in at right-back in Porro's absence — as Brentford ran his side ragged.

In stark contrast to woeful Spurs, Keith Andrews' Bees look like a well-oiled machine, fully up to speed with their manager's methods.

It shows you how much can change in a season. This time last year, everyone was tipping the West Londoners for the drop after Frank's exit, a number of key player departures and the promotion of novice Andrews from set-piece coach.

That call from the club's owners has proved to be a masterstroke.

And, in Sangare, signed for a club-record fee of £39m from Lens — whom he helped to second in Ligue 1 and a French Cup triumph last term — they already look to have a gem.

The Malian was everywhere, providing energy and quality from the first minute.

It was his clever one-two with Dango Ouattara that led to the opener, as Sangare burst past the Spurs backline and cut it back for a thankful Lewis-Potter to slot home.

Brentford fans were quick to wind up their counterparts, singing, "That's why you're going down" despite it being day one of the new campaign.

Then again, Spurs have finished 17th in the last two campaigns, so nothing can be ruled out.

If they continue to play like they did here, then they will be bang in trouble as they easily conceded a second just after the half-hour.

Mathias Jensen was allowed a free shot on goal, which new No1 Antonin Kinsky made a mess of — palming it straight into the path of Janelt, who prodded into an empty net.

Fed-up De Zerbi hauled off Lucas Bergvall and Conor Gallagher at half-time — bringing on Mateus Fernandes and Rodrigo Bentancur — but it made no difference.

Four minutes after the interval, his side were 3-0 down as they failed to clear a corner.

That allowed Sangare to smash a shot which deflected into the wily Kayode's path and he fired home.

Sub Bentancur then brought down Kevin Schade in the box.

And, for the first time, the Premier League Match Centre online released a direct explanation from referee Michael Oliver and VAR on the decision.

Spurs ultimately had a let-off as Thiago fired against the woodwork.

Yet the visitors offered little in response, though Moore did waste three decent chances.

It was a nightmare day for Spurs which proved how this will be no quick fix, despite all the spending.

De Zerbi could be forgiven for playing Bon Jovi's Keep the Faith on the bus back across London as he looks to rebuild his players' self-belief.

It would be understandable if supporters found Money for Nothing by Dire Straits a more fitting track.

HOW THEY LINED UP

BRENTFORD: Kelleher, Kayode (Hickey 76), Ajer, Collins, Lewis-Potter, Janelt, Sangare (Damsgaard 76), Jensen (Yarmoliuk 67), Ouattara (Anthony 67), Thiago (Wilson 83), Schade.

TOTTENHAM: Kinsky, Gray (Udogie 86), Van Hecke, Senesi, Robertson, Tonali, Bergvall (Bentancur 46), Moore (Maddison 68), Gallagher (Fernandes 46), Tel, Richarlison (Solanke 68).

1 THIS was Tottenham's first defeat at Brentford's Gtech Stadium — with one win (2-0 in Feb 2025) and four draws in their five previous visits.

NEXT GAMES

TUE 8PM — Carabao Cup, 2nd rd — Birmingham (away)

WED 7.45PM — Carabao Cup, 2nd rd — Charlton (home)

PREMIER LEAGUE

HULL CITY

AJAYI 17; MENDY 38

IT'S LIMP

JAKIROVIC . . . secret

That was set-piece of cake

By SAMUEL LUCKHURST

BOSS Sergej Jakirovic revealed Hull's planning on the training ground exposed Manchester United's set-piece set-up.

Semi Ajayi scored from a corner and Nobel Mendy flicked in a free-kick as the visitors lost for only the third time in 18 games under Michael Carrick.

And Jakirovic confirmed Hull worked on exploiting United's weakness during Friday's session.

The Bosnian said: "We tried something on Friday so we had some plan to try to punish them, how they're standing especially on a wide free kick, to make some blocks there . . . and we scored."

But Tigers boss Jakirovic refused to reveal exactly what the plan was.

He said: "That is a secret! I don't have a coach for set-pieces so my coaches Marko Salatovic and Elo Rogulji, they are doing this. This is our secret!"

Jakirovic, 49, said he did not know that Hull's win was their first against United in the top flight.

And he declined to elaborate on what he made of his opponents' shoddy performance.

Jakirovic said: "This is a tricky question! I can speak just about my team — I am always caring about my team.

"We watched United three times, one time live. We saw their problems and then we tried to use this today.

"This victory is amazing because now they are convinced they can compete at this level."

The win was extra special for lifelong Red Devils fan Matt Crooks, who was dumped by United as a teenager.

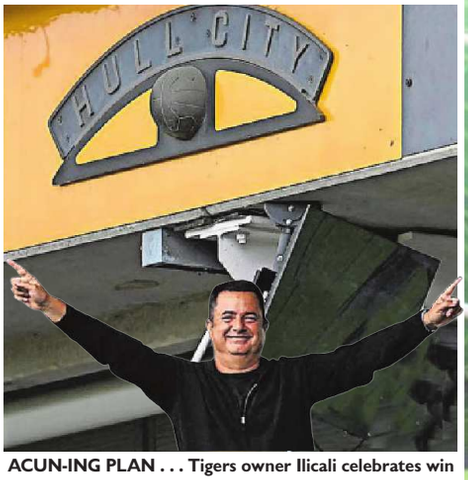
Midfielder Crooks, 32, was joined for a post-match interview by team-mate Regan Slater, 26 — who was also making his Premier League debut.

And he asked: "Are we the cheapest midfield two in the Premier League?

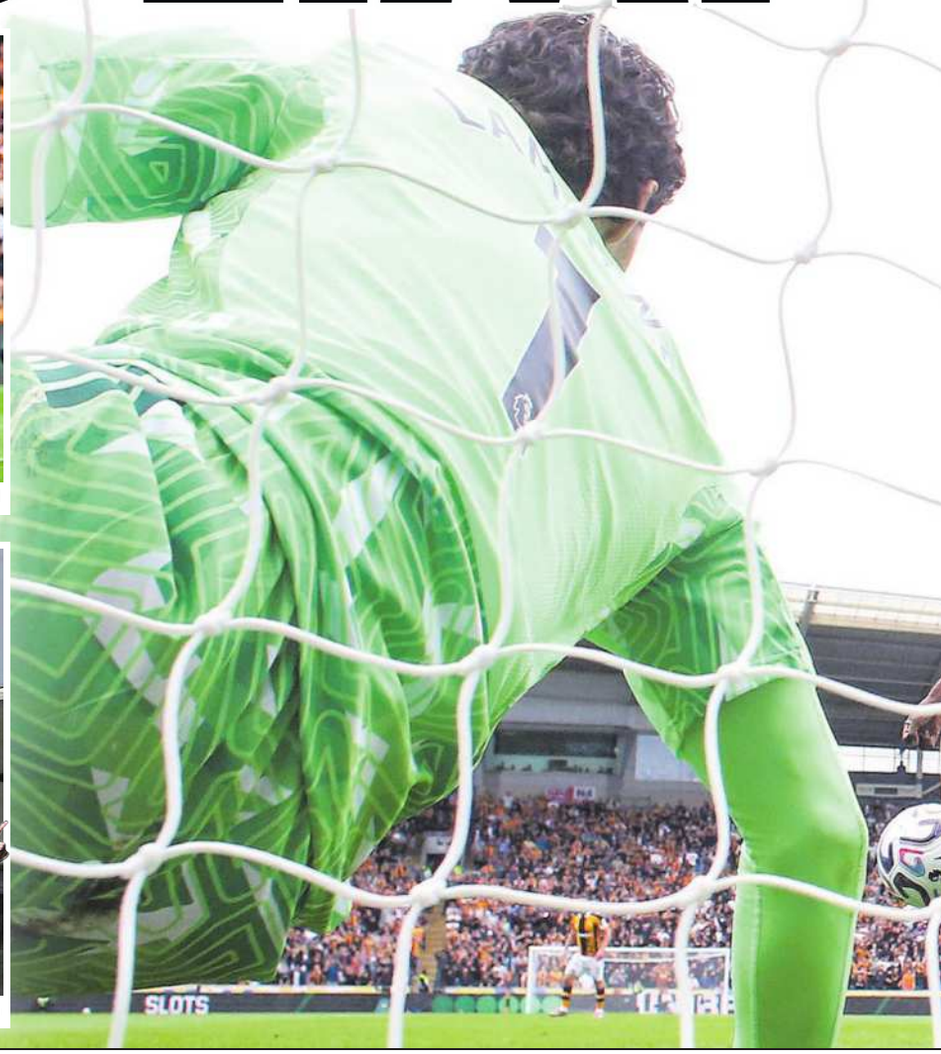
"It's a special feeling. For me, individually, it has been a long road."

> Are we the cheapest midfield in Prem?
> — MATT CROOKS

NOBEL PRIZE . . . Mendy heads in No 2 to shock United



ACUN-ING PLAN . . . Tigers owner Ilicali celebrates win



THE teamsheets were sponsored by McVitie's — and Manchester United crumbled.

By SAMUEL LUCKHURST
MAN UNITED CORRESPONDENT

Their midfield cost a packet at £85million and fell to pieces.

United's defence held together like a Rich Tea in a hot brew and the much-feted attack fed off crumbs.

It took less than 40 minutes for Hull's fans to goad the visiting supporters with a rendition of 'Mauled by the Tigers' following goals from Semi Ajayi and Nobel Mendy.

Michael Carrick's worst day in charge of the Red Devils saw the kind of records tumble that put a manager under immediate scrutiny.

This was Hull's first-ever top-flight victory against United, who lost to a newly promoted side in their opening fixture for the first time. Carrick may feel a sense of vindication for considering it "ridiculous" to consider Hull away an easy start.

His players seemed intent on making it appear as hard as possible.

Things were so dire Carrick turned to Marcus Rashford at half-time as he made his first competitive appearance for his boyhood club in 20 months.

Rashford came off the bench to score the only goal in the dying seconds of United's last Premier League trip here, in August 2016.

Lightning did not strike twice.

Carrick's dozy defenders will doubtless welcome the imminent arrival of a minder in Brighton's £70million midfielder Carlos Baleba.

United are expected to wait until next summer to overhaul their defence.

But there will be a renewed clamour among the fanbase to strengthen it before the transfer window deadline a week on Tuesday.

Boss Carrick was insistent on a right-foot left-foot partnership at centre-back.

That made 19-year-old Ayden Heaven — his rawest defender — an automatic pick, with Lisandro Martinez not up to speed following his World Cup exploits with Argentina.

That played right into the hands of battering ram Scot, Oli McBurnie.

The striker was once on United's books and upset them with a late equaliser for Sheffield United in 2019.

And McBurnie threatened to top that from three crosses before the hosts' opener, the second shovelled away by keeper Senne Lammens.

United's No1 clawed another centre away but his one-man resistance was eventually breached from the resulting corner by Ajayi.

McBurnie pulled on to Heaven, who was caught ball-watching, and was remarkably denied by Lammens, only for Ajayi to pounce on the rebound.

Lammens fished the ball out of his net after another set-piece, guided in effortlessly by Mendy on 38 minutes.

Carrick opting for Noussair Mazraoui over Diogo Dalot at right-back is hardly back page news.

But Morocco's World Cup defender mustered just 11 starts for United last term and has always been viewed as a squad player.

Hull had space to pepper Lammens

11 HULL secured their first league win against Manchester United in 52 years since November 1974 in the second tier, ending their 11-game winless run against them.

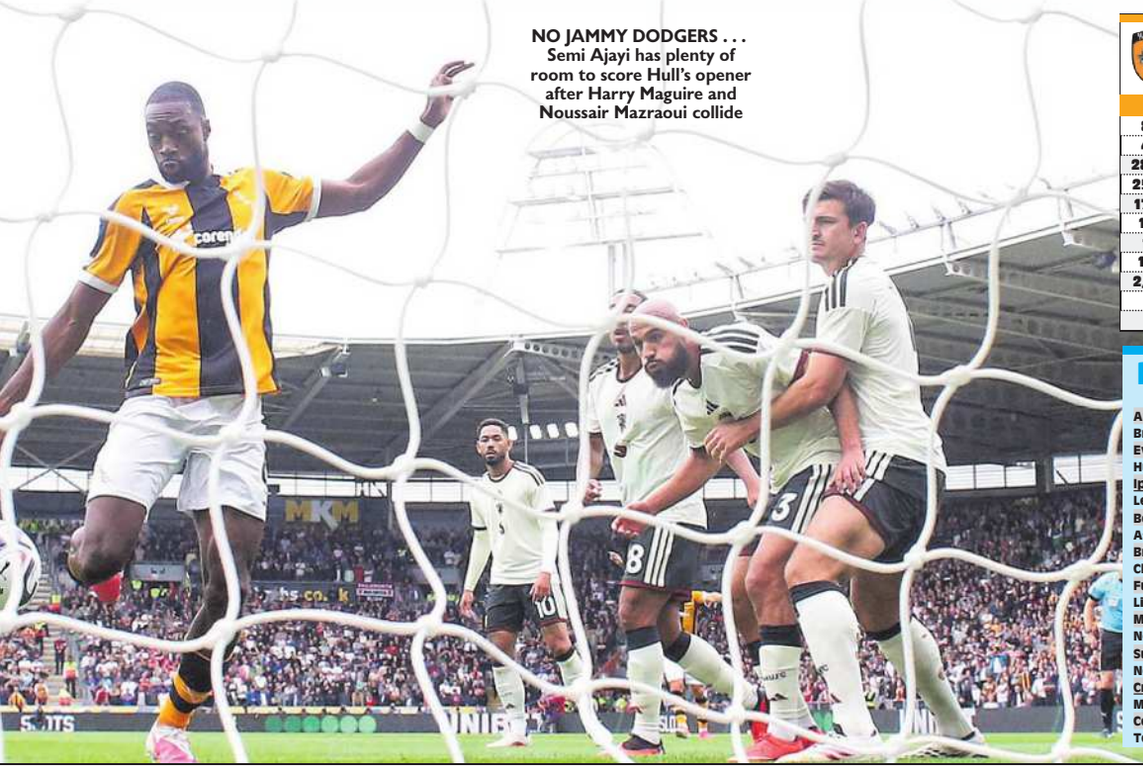
72 MANCHESTER UNITED had 72% possession, their highest figure in a Prem game since Sep 2023 in their 1-0 home loss to Crystal Palace (77%).

67 AMONG teams to appear in more than one Prem season, Hull have the highest opening-day win rate in PL history (67% — 4 wins from 6).

2 MANCHESTER UNITED 0

BISCUIT!

Loss hard to digestive for Carrick as Red Devils crumble on Humber



NO JAMMY DODGERS . . . Semi Ajayi has plenty of room to score Hull's opener after Harry Maguire and Noussair Mazraoui collide

MATCH STATS

HULL CITY		MAN UTD
8	SHOTS	21
4	SHOTS ON TARGET	5
28%	POSSESSION	72%
252	PASSES	654
177	COMPLETED PASSES	574
11	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	40
1	CORNERS	6
10	FOULS CONCEDED	9
2/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	1/0
MATCH TIME: 98m 17s		
BALL IN PLAY: 59m 52s		

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Brentford	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Everton	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Hull	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Ipswich	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Leeds	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Bournemouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aston Villa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brighton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chelsea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fulham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liverpool	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Man City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newcastle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sunderland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Nottm Forest	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Crystal Palace	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Man Utd	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Coventry	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Tottenham	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

down United's right before Ajayi's opener and Mazraoui lost Mendy when he glanced in Regan Slater's inswinger for 2-0.

Heaven was spotted bickering with McBurnie as the pair made their way off at half-time.

That highlighted the teen's inferiority complex against someone who has bullied more experienced defenders.

There were more complaints from Heaven just before the hour mark when he was convinced the ball had crept out after McBurnie bulldozed his way through midfield.

With United's recruitment a hot topic, it did not reflect favourably on director of football Jason Wilcox that Patrick Dorgu had a dismal day on the left before making way for Rashford.

Carrick also got it wrong on the other side of the pitch. Bryan Mbeumo was the standout performer in pre-season after five starts as the striker.

But he shifted to the right to offset the absence of injured Amad Diallo.

With Benjamin Sesko not up to 45 minutes, Carrick picked Matheus Cunha up front.

But the gaffer completely rejigged his attack in the second half, with Rashford on the left, Mbeumo up front and Cunha headed to the right.

Rashford's body language used to irritate United fans and he could not conceal his disappointment at an overhit Youri Tielemans pass.

Hull barely gave United a sniff, except for Mbeumo's one-on-one that was saved by Konstantinos Tzolakis.

Tigers boss Sergej Jakirovic has set a high bar for a team many felt were destined for relegation before kick-off.

Tielemans warned us at United's training camp last week that his body "switched off" at the World Cup.

He was not switched on and left fellow midfield debutant Andrey Santos exposed, before both were hooked for Sesko and Kobbie Mainoo as Carrick attempted to salvage something.

Hull's delighted fans asked, 'Can we play you every week?'

And just to make matters worse, the MKM Stadium PA system announced that trains back from Humberside to Manchester had been cancelled.

The home chants quickly changed to, 'You're going home in a taxi!'

Crumbs.

HOW THEY LINED UP

HULL: Tzolakis, Mendy (Herrington 64), Egan, Ajayi (McNair 64), Giles (Targett 85), Coyle (Drameh 70), Stroud (Millar 71), Slater, Crooks, Belloumi, McBurnie.

MAN UNITED: Lammens, Shaw, Heaven, Maguire, Mazraoui (Dalot 80), Santos (Sesko 67), Tielemans (Mainoo 67), Dorgu (Rashford 46), Fernandes, Mbeumo, Cunha (Lacey 80).

1 MANCHESTER UNITED have lost their opening Prem game in four of the last seven seasons (W3), while it's the first time in their league history they have lost on match day one to a newly promoted side.

NEXT GAMES

TUE 7.45PM — Carabao Cup, 2nd rd — Stoke City (away)

SUN 4.30PM — Premier League — Ipswich (home)

CARRICK . . . "hurting"

DAZE

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with the most touches. We needed to press more, be more aggressive.

"And then again we need to work on set-plays and not concede these types of goals.

"Against these types of teams, they are waiting for that moment.

"We knew before that set-pieces would be a big part of their game.

"They played all pre-season with a back four but had a five against us for some height."

Fed-up Fernandes added: "We knew how motivated Hull would be.

"If someone didn't know, it's very surprising.

"We know in the Premier League these types of grounds are very difficult to play in.

"You need to match everything in intensity, aggression and everything.

"I understand the frustration. Every season, we want to compete and go as forward as we can, winning every game.

"We need the fans on our side, like last season, believing in us. We need more from ourselves, too."

This was Carrick's first meaningful game as permanent boss following his five-month interim stint last season.

> We don't have to scream & create chaos
> – MICHAEL CARRICK

And he reminded the critics of the Red Devils' 12 wins from 17 Prem games after he replaced Ruben Amorim in January.

Carrick, 45, said: "We haven't lost many games in six or seven months, have we?

"We have lost today and I understand there are questions to be asked."

The former United and England midfielder refused to "dissect" his side's first defeat since April as they suffered successive opening-day losses for the first time in the Prem era.

And the United gaffer stressed that although he appeared calm, he was anything but inside.

Carrick added: "I'm talking to you quite calm but I'm not exactly calm inside and enjoying the day. There's a big difference.

"I've played here for a long time, there are always ups and downs and you carry on as normal.

"It doesn't mean we have to shout and scream and create some chaos.

"Inside we're hurting. The boys know we need to get better and the calmness doesn't mean there's no emotion in it."

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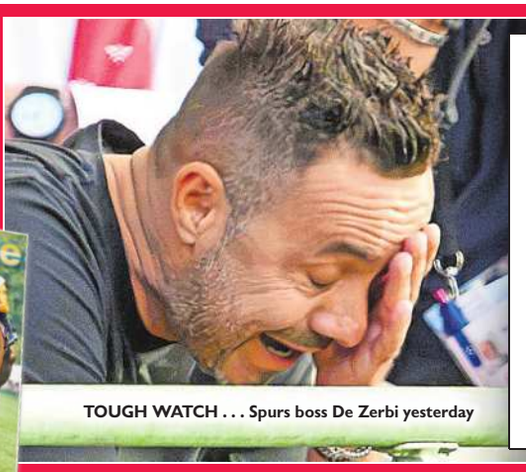

TOUGH WATCH . . . Spurs boss De Zerbi yesterday

RDZ sorry as Spurs slump

Brentford.....3 Tottenham.....0

By TOM BARCLAY

ROBERTO DE ZERBI apologised for Spurs' shocking opening-day defeat.

His sorry side were ripped apart at Brentford by Keane Lewis-Potter, Vitaly Janelt and Michael Kayode goals.

That is despite splashing **£230MILLION** on new players this summer – including £92.5m club-record buy Sandro Tonali.

Boss De Zerbi said: "I am sorry for the

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EXCLUSIVE: ROB LEE'S TRIBUTE TO KING KEV

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MATETA . . . legal fight

Mateta eyes up free exit

By JON WEST

JEAN-PHILIPPE MATETA is launching an audacious bid to get out of the final ten months of his Crystal Palace contract.

The France striker's camp have tried to find a legal loophole to cancel the rest of his deal and make him available on a free in this window.

His case is thought to be in the hands of Fifa after an initial challenge was heard by an independent tribunal under the Premier League's rules.

Mateta played in yesterday's 2-0 loss at Everton and it is understood the Prem maintain his existing deal remains binding.

The 29-year-old signed a 4½-year contract when

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TO HULL AND BACK

Bruno slams Utd for repeat of away daze

UNBELIEVABLE . . . dejected United captain Fernandes

BRUNO FERNANDES laid into Manchester United for failing to learn from the 'same mistakes in every away game'.

Red Devils skipper Fernandes blasted their lack of "aggression" in the horror 2-0 opening-day defeat at Prem new-boys Hull.

The Tigers scored both goals from first-half set-pieces to end a 52-year winless

By KATHERINE WALSH

run in the league against United. Michael Carrick's side dominated possession but barely created anything, with Bryan Mbeumo seeing two efforts comfortably saved by Konstantinos Tzolakis.

Fernandes, who reopened contract talks this week, cut a frustrated figure as he blasted the lack of fight.

The Portugal midfielder, 31, said: "Same mistakes as we did last season – every away game we give too much of the ball to them.

"In the first 20 minutes, their goalkeeper was the one

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MAKE DO AND MENDY . . . Nobel Mendy celebrates scoring Hull's second

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Diamond geezer

AIDAN EXPECTING BIG GUNS TO SPARKLE IN FRENCH RAID

AIDAN O'BRIEN is ready to flash his precious Diamond at Deauville today.

Unbeaten Diamond Necklace is a perfect six from six and she looked imperious when bolting up in the Nassau Stakes at Glorious Goodwood last time.

She faces 10 rivals in the Group 1 contest, which include 2024 Arc runner-up Adventure, as she bids for a fifth victory at the highest level in the Jean and Louis Romanet.

By MARK NEVIN

O'Brien 56, said: "Diamond Necklace is really well. It looks like the ground is soft over there, but she has form in soft ground and she's in good form."

Earlier on the card, the Ballydoyle handler will be triple-handed as he attempts to win the Prix Morny for a sixth time.

Ryan Moore has picked Man's Best Friend, Wayne Lordan partners Great Barrier Reef and Ronan Whelan rides Carry The Flag. O'Brien (*left*), added: "It looks a really strong renewal but our three are in good form."

Norfolk winner Orthodox and Senorita Bonita give the British raiders a strong hand in the six-furlong Group 1 contest.

CLASSIC HEROINE . . . Diamond Necklace (*right*) is a four-time Group 1 winner

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CLOSE . . . Daiquiri Bay (*left*) and Rossa Ryan (*below right*) just get the verdict in a desperate finish to the Ebor at York

BAY OF PLENTY

Rossa the boss as Daiquiri battles to Ebor glory

ALAN KING raised a toast to Rossa Ryan as he drove Daiquiri Bay to a thrilling Ebor win.

By JACK KEENE at York

The four-year-old stuck his neck out bravely to fend off the dual Wathnan challenge of Hopewell Rock and Opportunity in York's historic race.

For many years one of jump racing's big names, King has shifted his focus more and more to the Flat and enjoyed some great days with the late Trueshan.

And he has another smart stayer in the making in Daiquiri Bay, who was kept fresh for the Ebor after his gritty success at Royal Ascot earlier in the summer.

King said: "It's a very special day, it was a great ride from Rossa and I'm just blown away.

"This has been the plan since Royal Ascot.

"After he won that day Rossa said to me to put him away for the Ebor, and it's been well worth the wait."

Ryan pulled off a Houdini act on the 10-1

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FIRST PAST THE POST FOR RACING

The biggest and the best pullout

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BRIGHTON

GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM)

TEMPLEGATE	TOM PEPPER
2.20.....Sea Of Charm	2.20.....Sea Of Charm
2.50.....Tricky Jenny	2.50.....Tree Wizard
3.20..Dreams Galore (nb)	3.20.....Harry's Pop
3.50.....Arnaz	3.50.BIG TIME RASCAL (nap)
4.20.....Sea Suite	4.20.....Knights Gold
4.50.....My Old Mate	4.50.....Marsh Benham

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: At The Oche (Worcester) and Dreams Galore (double) with My Old Mate (both Brighton).
TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Big Time Rascal (Brighton) and Raffles Nobu (Worcester).
SUNRATINGS' NAP: TRICKY JENNY (2.50 Brighton).
THE JUDGE: PREFER THE SISTER (3.50 Brighton).

■TIC-TAC: L-H horseshoe-shaped course of 1m 4f, undulating and sharp, 3 1/2f run-in. ■DRAW: In sprints low numbers have advantage over five furlongs, high best over six. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): A Carroll 72-579, G&J Moore 37-193, J Gallagher 20-146, S Williams 17-77. THIS SEASON: A Carroll 9, G&J Moore 8. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): D Keenan 27-185, M Ghiani 20-91, L Morris 20-150. THIS SEASON: David Egan 4, B Loughnane 3. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Candy Warhol (3.50) trained at Rolleston. Round trip of 410 miles. ■TRAINERFAX: G&J Moore won the 4.50 in 2016, 2024. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

2.20 BLACKMORE BUILDING CONTRACTORS AMATEURS' HANDICAP (6); winner £3,576; 1m 4f. (6 runners)

1 (3) 8676322 **SEA OF CHARM 8 (CD)** G Nicholls 8-11-2 ..... **Mr Henry Main (3) 95**
2 (4) 2352133 **HIGHLAND HARVEY 6 (BF)** G Arnolda 4-10-10. **Mr Liam McGaffin (5) ●99**
3 (1) 3334323 **STINTINO SUNSET 26 (H;BF)** J & S Birkett 6-10-7 ..... **Mr Ross Birkett 98**
4 (2) U345243 **WRIST ART 8** J Owen 9-10-6 ..... **Miss Ruby Criscuolo (5) 94**
5 (6) -653254 **LITTLE SHE 26** M Tregoning 4-10-6 ..... **Miss Alice Tregoning (5) 95**
6 (5) 903U854 **THE PUG 18** O Murphy 6-10-3 ..... **Mr Josh Myers (7) 88**
BETTING: 5-2 Stintino Sunset, 3 Highland Harvey, 4 Wrist Art, 5 Little She, 6 Sea Of Charm, 12 The Pug
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

2.50 BLACKMOREBUILD.COM EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (5); 2-y-o; winner £4,320; 5f. (6 runners)

1 (6) 05 **CRUSE ON BYE 16** M Attwater 9-7 ..... **James Glennon (7) 85**
2 (3) 9262 **TREE WIZARD 69** H Kobeissi 9-7 ..... **Abdulla Rashid Al-Hajri (5) 97**
3 (1) 5 **WATER ANGEL 17** D Cunha 9-7 ..... **Ray Dawson 90**
4 (2) 0530453 **LAST DANDELION 3** S Williams 9-2 ..... **Marco Ghiani 92**
5 (4) 55 **SPACE DREAMER 39** O Sangster 9-2 ..... **Billy Loughnane 96**
6 (5) 56624 **TRICKY JENNY 23** J Owen 9-2 ..... **Luke Morris ●99**
BETTING: 2 Tree Wizard, 9-4 Tricky Jenny, 7-2 Last Dandelion, 9-2 Space Dreamer, 25 Water Angel, Cruse On Bye
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 2 1 1 1
2025: Calafiori 9-7 Billy Loughnane 8-15 Fav (G Boughey) drawn 6, 7 ran.

3.20 JOHN HEAL MEMORIAL NURSERY (6); 2-y-o; value to the winner £3,768; 6f. (6 runners)

1 (2) 74711 **DREAMS GALORE 14 (D)** O Sangster 10-1 ..... **Billy Loughnane ●99**
2 (1) 740441 **HARRY'S POP 6 (D)** D Cunha 10-1(6ex) ..... **Ray Dawson 98**
3 (4) 4385 **CYDNEY SWEENIE 46** J Morland 9-8 ..... **Callum Shepherd 89**
4 (3) 345 **CROWNED 18 (BF)** M Keady 9-7 ..... **Darragh Keenan 95**
5 (5) 718750 **PAGEANT GIRL 18 (D)** J Owen 9-5 ..... **Luke Morris 86**
6 (6) 365856 **PRISCILLA'S HOPE 16 (B★)** P McBride 8-9 ..... **Harry Davies 92**
BETTING: 11-8 Dreams Galore, 2 Harry's Pop, 7-2 Crowned, 12 Cydney Sweenie, 25 Priscilla's Hope, 33 Pageant Girl
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2 1
2025: Arvana Belle 9-1 George Wood 11-8 Fav (R Millman) drawn 6, 6 ran.

3.50 BLACKMORE CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP (2) winner £20,616; 6f (16 runners)

1 312112 **PREFER THE SISTER 30 (BF,C)**
(14) J Owen 6-9-12 ... **Christian Howarth (3) ●99**
Runs: 31 Wins: 4 (3F,A) Places: 10 £30,950
Bumped into good winner latest, flying form, yard does well here, player

2 311382 **DION BAKER 17 (C,D)**
(2) M Wigham 7-9-11 ..... **Darragh Keenan 95**
Runs: 72 Wins: 9 (6F,GS,2G) Places: 18 £73,538
312 on most recent runs, handicapper has had say now, in hunt still

3 512042 **TWIRLER 24 (BF,D)**
(9) M Attwater 5-9-8 ..... **Kieren Fox 96**
Runs: 37 Wins: 6 (F,3A,GS,G) Places: 11 £47,323
Money came at Epsom latest when edged out, track suits, live shout

4 711516 **NEPTUNE LEGEND 31 (B;CD)**
(11) A Carroll 7-9-3 ..... **David Egan 94**
Runs: 83 Wins: 11 (5A,5F,G) Places: 14 £78,075
Won here on last visit in May, yard great at circling these races, threat

5 787811 **ARNAZ 5 (C,D)**
(12) M Loughnane 5-9-3(5ex) .. **Billy Loughnane 98**
Runs: 27 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 7 £23,369
Job done in style latest, back out quickly, hard to stop with repeat

6 387151 **SECRET HANDSHEIKH 18 (V;C,D)**
(10) J Gallagher 8-9-2 ..... **Joe Leavy 97**
Runs: 85 Wins: 13 (S,3A,4F,5G) Places: 15 £88,265
Bolted up here last time, up 6lb in better heat, more needed but threat

7 242387 **GIANT 18**
(16) I Williams 6-8-12 ..... **Harry Davies 90**
Runs: 45 Wins: 3 (3A) Places: 12 £52,548
Lost way but down weights now, needs best, not guaranteed so risky

8 512332 **KENTO 18 (C)**
(3) A Carroll 5-8-10 ..... **Marco Ghiani 92**
Runs: 35 Wins: 4 (F,3A) Places: 13 £35,156
Still 6lb above last win, might be vulnerable to a few for win purposes

9 663621 **DIOMED SPIRIT 16 (C)**
(6) C Gordon 6-8-10 ..... **Saffie Osborne 95**
Runs: 37 Wins: 7 (F,6A) Places: 3 £54,308
Back to form with bang last twice, course form counts for a lot, player

10 224151 **BIG TIME RASCAL 16 (CD)**
(4) S Hodgson 5-8-7 ..... **Luke Morris 94**
Runs: 27 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 3 £21,787
Consistent for the level, two wins from last three here, can't rule out

11 474423 **CANDY WARHOL 23 (BF,D)**
(7) S Dixon 7-8-5 ..... **Kieran O'Neill 91**
Runs: 50 Wins: 3 (3A) Places: 14 £41,211
Knocking at door but record shows hard to win with, could nick place

12 590132 **WASHINGTON HEIR 16 (C)**
(5) A Carroll 4-8-4 ..... **Gina Mangan 92**
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £7,362
132 here of late, others look better weighted but can't knock, sniff

13 961858 **PORT HEDLAND 17 (C,D)**
(8) A Carroll 5-8-2 ..... **Myla Coppins (5) 87**
Runs: 32 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 3 £13,252
Excuses for blowout last time, can throw in a stinker, others better

14 3-0614 **BATED BREEZE 16 (CD)**
(15) G & J Moore 5-8-2 ..... **Tyler Heard 89**
Runs: 22 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 4 £11,013
Didn't back up win here last time, more needed again, drawn badly

15 583748 **DALEY T 18 (B)**
(13) A Carroll 6-8-2 ..... **Olivia Tubb (5) 83**
Runs: 27 Places: 5 £7,834
Running 5lb out the weights, form fallen off a cliff, looks huge ask

16 450344 **MY BOY JACK 28 (V;D)**
(1) K Frost 7-8-2 ..... **Olivia Haines (7) 85**
Runs: 87 Wins: 3 (3A) Places: 31 £64,156
8lb out the weights, can't back purely on that but needs more anyway

BETTING: 5 Secret Handsheikh, 6 Arnaz, Prefer The Sister, 7 Twirler, 10 Big Time Rascal, 12 Dion Baker, Diomed Spirit
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1
2025: Pietro 3-9-12, Kyle Strydom 11-4 Fav (J Fanshawe), drawn 5, 13 ran.

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PREFER THE SISTER (9-4) evens fav led 1f out, headed final 110 yards, btn 2l by Auburn Avenue (9-6) (7 ran) (Chepstow 7f hcap (6) £3,454 good).
DION BAKER (9-7) 13-2 led, headed final furlong, held, btn 1¼l by Serenity Dream (9-4) (6 ran) (Brighton 7f hcap (5) £5,234 good to firm).
TWIRLER (9-9) 7-4 fav led final furlong, headed final 110yds, just held, btn nk by Sugar Sugar (9-5) (7 ran) (Epsom 6f hcap (5) £4,449 good to firm).
NEPTUNE LEGEND (9-0) 9-1 slowly away, always behind, 6th of 7 (btn 5¼l) to Arry Up (9-7) (Sandown 5f hcap (4) £6,019 good to firm).
ARNAZ (8-13) 6-5 fav made all, easily, bt Some Nightmare (8-8) 4l (10 ran) (Chepstow 6f hcap (6) £3,454 good).
SECRET HANDSHEIKH (9-9) 11-4 led final furlong, bt **KENTO** (9-10) 4-1 kept on 1f out, 3½l (6 ran) (Brighton 5f hcap (6) £4,187 good to firm).
GIANT (8-13) 25-1 weakened 1f out, 7th of 9 (12l) to Sea Suite (10-2) (Brighton 1m hcap (4) £10,468 good to firm).
DIOMED SPIRIT (9-9) 2-1 fav led and hung right 1f out, kept on well, bt **WASHINGTON HEIR** (9-4) 5-1 stayed on final furlong, nk (7 ran) (Brighton 5f hcap (6) £4,187 good to firm).
BIG TIME RASCAL (9-6) 9-1 led final furlong, bt Manhattan Chute (9-6) 1¼l **BATED BREEZE** (9-3) 10-3 kept on, 4th (btn 2½l) (7 ran) (Brighton 6f hcap (6) £4,187 good to firm).
CANDY WARHOL (8-7) 15-8 fav led, headed 1f out, plugged on, 3rd of 5 (btn 2l) to Nordic Glory (8-8) (Bath 6f hcap (6) £3,454 good to firm).
PORT HEDLAND (9-4) 22-1 lost place 2f out, last of 8 (btn 13l) to Valadero (9-9) (Brighton 7f (6) £4,187 good).
DALEY T (8-13) 28-1 weakened, 8th of 9 (18l) to Viking Glory (9-5) (Brighton 7f hcap (6) £4,187 good to firm).
MY BOY JACK (8-12) 9-1 not clear run 1f out, stayed on, 4th of 11 (btn 3½l) to Go Victor (9-8) (Pontefract 6f hcap (6) £3,402 good to firm).

4.20 BLACKMORE DESIGN & BUILD HANDICAP (4); value to the winner £5,653; 7f. (7 runners)

1 (1) 3417221 **SEA SUITE 18 (V;C,D)** J Owen 4-9-11 ..... **Mason Paetel (5) ●99**
2 (7) 0593352 **KNIGHTS GOLD 10 (D)** T Ward 4-9-9 ..... **Billy Loughnane 96**
3 (3) 613418 5 **FORESEEN 11** A Carroll 5-9-7 ..... **Marco Ghiani 93**
4 (4) 0864080 **DAPPER GUEST 11 (D)** G Margarson 4-9-5 ..... **David Egan 88**
5 (2) 4076023 **NORTH VIEW 17 (BF,D)** A Carroll 5-9-3 ..... **Luke Morris 98**
6 (5) 236-843 **CUBAN LADY 59** P Chamings 4-9-1 ..... **Isobelle Chalmers (7) 93**
7 (6) -315308 **KING OF WAR 9 (CD)** M Wigham 7-9-8 ..... **John Egan 87**
BETTING: 9-4 Sea Suite, 4 North View, 9-2 Knights Gold, Cuban Lady, 6 Foreseen
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5
2025: Revolutionise 9-9-4 Marco Ghiani 4-1 (S C Williams) drawn 3, 8 ran.

4.50 BLACKMORE PROUDLY SPONSORING BRIGHTON HCAP (5); value to the winner £4,397; 1m. (5 runners)

1 (4) 776-216 **MARSH BENHAM 2 (CD)** G Baker 7-10-0 ..... **Benoit Sayette 98**
2 (2) 883-456 **WAR CHANT 17 (C,D)** J Jones 6-9-13 ..... **Callum Shepherd 89**
3 (3) 4-45290 **NORDIC NORM 72 (T★;D)** J Jenkins 4-9-11 ..... **Jonny Peate 84**
4 (5) -982113 **MY OLD MATE 5 (BF,D)** G & J Moore 3-9-5 ..... **Billy Loughnane ●99**
5 (1) 1433235 **DANEHILL STAR 17 (B;D)** A Carroll 5-9-4 ..... **David Egan 95**
BETTING: 11-8 My Old Mate, 13-8 Marsh Benham, 9-2 Danehill Star, 12 War Chant
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 4 1-3-4 1 2
2025: Lunanova 3-8-12 Billy Loughnane 7-2 (Dr R Newland) drawn 2, 11 ran.

GREYHOUND ROUND-UP

SELECTIONS

■SUNDERLAND: 11.09 Emers Noddy (1-6-2) 11.27 Louies Lass (4-2-5) 11.43 Sarahs Hope (4-2-1) 12.01 Donegal Cashout (2-1-4) 12.18 Chanceme Richi (5-4-1) 12.34 Debbies Hope (4-3-1) 12.51 That Is It (4-1-5) 1.08 Mustang Poppy (nap) (2-6-4) 1.26 Skeard Betty (nb) (1-4-3) 1.42 Laurens Queen (2-4-6) 1.59 Thunder Bridie (1-6-5) 2.14 Donishall Ring (5-6-3)
■YARMOUTH: 11.01 Onthelookout (6-1-3) 11.18 Murrow Pinatubo (nap) (6-2-4) 11.34 Gilberts Gift (nb) (3-5-4) 11.52 Glenrock Jet (2-5-1) 12.09 Swift Illinois (3-2-4) 12.26 My Kneecap (2-1-4) 12.42 Fastnet Ranger (4-1-5) 12.59 Mystical Otis (6-5-4) 1.17 Murrow Toaster (1-4-5) 1.33 Perpendicular (4-2-3) 1.51 Rosie Be Quick (3-4-5) 2.07 Mallogs Freddie (3-5-4)
■SHEFFIELD: 2.29 Tromora Alice (2-1-4) 2.48 Aero Whisper (6-5-1) 3.07 Cloondarone Ken (2-1-6) 3.26 Listen Jessie (4-2-3) 3.44 Ballintee Roxy (nap) (1-4-3) 4.03 Braemar Millie (1-3-5) 4.22 Ari Up (nb) (1-4-5) 4.41 Autumn Lydia (4-3-2) 4.59 Coonough Sheila (2-4-1) 5.18 Moanteen Ace (1-2-4) 5.37 Holding Aero (4-1-3) 5.56 Catunda Ciaran (6-1-4)

RETURNS

■ROMFORD: 11.09 Swift Official 5-2 (4-1-6 BAGS F £15.93). 11.27 Swift Kelvin 7-4f (5-6-3 £12.09 TC £28.24). 11.43 Bubbly Babs 9-2 (1-3-2 £24.83). 12.01 Roanna General 2-1 (4-1-5 £10.72). 12.18 Sheer Magic 4-1 (2-1-6 £22.62 TC £50.33). 12.34 Aint Bothered 5-2 (4-3-2 £15.42 TC £29.84). 12.51 Orange Camilla 6-1 (1-4-2 £46.39). 1.08 Seomra Finn 8-13f (1-4-3 £4.44). 1.26 Cofam Bob 3-1 (2-5-4 £12.86). 1.42 Silver Sands 3-1 (4-1-6 £18.66). 1.59 Miami Sapphire 4-1 (3-1-4 £23.64). 2.14 Whizzy Dot 6-4f (2-1 £5.90).
■NEWCASTLE: 2.28 Withme Withoutme 8-1 (5-3-6 BAGS F £26.41). 2.48 Brickkiln Bugsy 22-1 (2-1-3 £64.85 TC £206.84). 3.08 Slaneyside Boyne Evens† (3-1-2 £3.32). 3.28 Onyergostar 13-8f (3-6-4 £14.99 TC £40.71). 3.48 Dryland Velvet 7-4f (4-3-5 £9.43). 4.08 Winscale Wonder 7-4f (3-4-1 £6.14). 4.28 Four Over 11-4f (5-6-1 £13.27 TC £34.58). 4.48 Katies Captain 3-1 (6-3-2 £14.24 TC £58.40).

DEAUVILLE

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed Turf of 1m 2f. There are straight 5f & 1m starts. ■DRAW: Low numbers have a slight advantage on the round course in races up to 1m. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): A&L Fabre 85-456, F Graffard 69-373, Y Barberot 59-478, S Wattel 59-477. THIS SEASON: F Graffard 14, A&L Fabre 9, C Boutin 7. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): M Guyon 153-1138, M Barzalona 140-881, C Soumillon 110-683, C Demuro 108-813. THIS SEASON: M Barzalona 20, C Demuro 20, P C Boudot 14. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

GOING: SOFT

2.50 SUMBE PRIX MORNY (GROUP 1) 2YO; winner €165,281; 6f (8 runners)

1 1025 **TRIBECA 14 (D)**
(1) R Aguiar (Ire) 8-13 ..... **Pierre Boudot 83**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 Places: 1 €42,314
Well held in Phoenix, most to find in the field, looks unlikely in this

2 11 **ORTHODOX 64**
(4) C Cox (UK) 8-13 ..... **Rossa Ryan ●99**
Runs: 2 Wins: 2 (F,G) €107,343
Off since runaway Norfolk victory, had issues, one to beat if on song

3 129174 **CARRY THE FLAG 14**
(5) A O'Brien (Ire) 8-13 ..... **Ronan Whelan 87**
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 2 €67,603
Held fair and square in similar last twice, exposed now, pace pusher

4 111 **GREAT BARRIER REEF 68 (D)**
(6) A O'Brien (Ire) 8-13 ..... **Wayne Lordan 97**
Runs: 3 Wins: 3 (S,F,G) €159,040
Coventry winner, that form strong, Moore picks stablemate, big player

5 411 **MAN'S BEST FRIEND 24 (D)**
(2) A O'Brien (Ire) 8-13 ..... **Ryan Moore 98**
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (F,G) €125,362
Green at Goodwood but job done nicely, more to come, high on list

6 1021 **DRAZINDA 15 (C)**
(8) F Graffard 8-10 ..... **Mickael Barzalona 90**
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (S,GS) Places: 1 €55,555
Listed win latest, needs plenty more in this company, 6f for first time

7 121 **SENORITA BONITA 44 (D)**
(3) S & E Crisford (UK) 8-10 .. **Oisin Murphy 97**
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 1 €113,913
Bags of pace, form has been boosted, might want quicker ground

8 111 **KOSUMA 21 (CD)**
(7) A&L Fabre 8-10 ..... **Maxime Guyon 94**
Runs: 3 Wins: 3 (3GS) €58,780
This toughest yet but doing it impressively so far, wouldn't rule out here

BETTING: 3 Orthodox, Senorita Bonita, 10-3 Man's Best Friend, 9-2 Kosuma, 5 Great Barrier Reef, 16 Drazinda, 40 Carry The Flag
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 2 2 1 2
2025: Venetian Sun 8-10, Clifford Lee 3-1 (K Burke), drawn 3, 6 ran.

3.25 PRIX JEAN ROMANET (FILLIES' GROUP 1) winner €188,893; 1m2f (11 runners)

1 17-421 **CANKOURA 35 (CD)**
(7) F Graffard 4-9-4 .... **Mickael Barzalona 93**
Runs: 11 Wins: 5 (S,2A,2G) Places: 2 €324,041
Down the field in this last season, capable with best, solid contender

2 13-323 **RED LETTER 57 (B★)**
(6) G Lyons (Ire) 4-9-4 ..... **Colin Keane 95**
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (S,G) Places: 5 €188,845
Often comes up short at top level, blinkers on, could grab a place

3 40-475 **QILIN QUEEN 30 (D)**
(8) E Walker (UK) 4-9-4. . **Kieran Shoemark 88**
Runs: 12 Wins: 3 (2F,GS) Places: 1 €187,981
Okay on return but poor since, back to drawing board, risky bet

4 10-314 **AVENTURE 49 (C,D)**
(1) C Ferland 5-9-4 ..... **Maxime Guyon 97**
Runs: 16 Wins: 7 (3S,2GS,2G) Places: 5 €1,864,380
Biggest threat to jolly on paper, plenty of class, doesn't mind some dig

5 413122 **PINK PANTHERA 40 (D)**
(3) P Cottier 3-8-11 ..... **Pierre Boudot 95**
Runs: 8 Wins: 4 (2A,GS) Places: 2 €248,860
Gave Diamond a fright in French Oaks, no excuses latest, interesting

6 -10172 **TIMEFORSHOWCASING 28**
(5) C Johnston (UK) 3-8-11 ... **Jack Mitchell 91**
Runs: 10 Wins: 5 (S,F,2A,GS) Places: 1 €217,464
Nabbed on line in German G1, hardy, likely on pace, ground no worry

7 114 **REBEL MOON 36 (D)**
(9) J O'Brien (Ire) 3-8-11 .. **Dylan McMonagle 88**
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (S,G) €66,529
Not out of sight in Irish Oaks, this harder, needs more but unexposed

8 8-8667 **BEAUTIFY 36**
(4) A O'Brien (Ire) 3-8-11 .... **Ronan Whelan 82**
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 €146,281
Likely to be in here for pace purposes, not up to this level, leave alone

9 -23542 **PIERCHIC 35**
(10) H Pantall 3-8-11 ..... **Cristian Demuro 83**
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 3 €41,580
Yet to win this year and held in Grp 3 last time, can't make case for here

10 5-6405 **MOMENTS OF JOY 24**
(11) A O'Brien (Ire) 3-8-11 .... **Wayne Lordan 80**
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 €73,452
Will be the hare for field to chase, solid in own right but can't back

11 11-111 **DIAMOND NECKLACE 24 (D)**
(2) A O'Brien (Ire) 3-8-11 ..... **Ryan Moore ●99**
Runs: 6 Wins: 6 (2S,F,G) €1,395,987
Unbeaten 6-6, will learn more about Arc chances today, star material

BETTING: 1-2 Diamond Necklace, 4 Aventure, 10 Red Letter, 12 Pink Panthera, 16 Cankoura, Rebel Moon, 25 Pierchic
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7 7 2 1 4
2025: Quisisana 5-9-4, C Soumillon 7-1 (F Graffard), drawn 4, 8 ran.

PRO BETS
EYECATCHER: DIAMOND WHITE (5.08 Worcester) went close at Newton Abbot last time out.
SUPER SPEED: SEA SUITE (4.20 Brighton) clocked a good time when winning here last time out.
GAMBLED ON: CROWNED (3.20 Brighton) was backed at Kempton latest.

EACH-WAY THIEF

PEP TALKING (2.38 Worcester) won nicely at Uttoxeter and should be on the premises again. Have an each-way double with CAWTHORNE BANKER (4.08 Worcester) who is gunning for a hat-trick in a winnable race.

TEMPLEGATE

RACING'S NO1 TIPSTER STEVE MULLEN

AT THE OCHE can it the bullseye again for the Skeltons (2.38 Worcester, nap).

The-five-year-old comes here on the back of a victory at Uttoxeter, where he showed his liking for good ground, and another bold display looks on the cards.

He has been hiked 9lb for the wind up he had before his last run has clearly done the trick.

DREAMS GALORE can give the bookies a proper wake-up call (3.20 Brighton, nb). He has not put a foot wrong since going into handicaps with back-to-back wins at Chepstow. He likes this trip and can bring up the hat-trick.

MY OLD MATE can be a punters' pal (4.50 Brighton, treble).

His past two turf runs were wins before he went close at Lingfield latest. This trip is ideal and Billy Loughnane takes over.

Check out At The Oche

★ TEMPLEGATE NAP
AT THE OCHE
2.38 Worcs
Scored well on yard debut at Uttoxeter and more to come.

★ TEMPLEGATE NB
DREAMS GALORE
3.20 Brighton
Loves this trip and has won past two races nicely.

★ TEMPLEGATE TREBLE
MY OLD MATE
4.50 Brighton
Saves best for this trip and should be right there again.

SPE Notable

CHARLIE APPLEBY banged in a Notable winner with his first runner of the week at York's Ebor meeting.

The Godolphin trainer had kept his powder dry before unleashing **Notable Speech** who was back to his explosive best in the City Of York Stakes.

It was a fascinating race on paper, with a big field of 14 classy horses converging on the Knavesmire for the £600,000 Group 1.

But the Classic-winning Notable Speech was undeniably the best horse in the race and would be in a different league if at his best – and he was.

The five-year-old hasn't always been the easiest to predict during his career, and he was on another recovery mission having disappointed in the Queen Anne at Royal Ascot.

But the 9-4 favourite travelled sweetly under William Buick and left them for dead just over a furlong out with his trademark burst of acceleration.

He was nearly three lengths clear of **Lake Forest** at the line, with **Marvelman** (18–1) running well for the in-form Andrew Balding in third.

This will likely be his final start in the UK before he retires to stud, but the six-time Group 1 winner will be given a chance to defend his crown in the Breeders' Cup Mile at Keeneland.

Appleby (above) said: "You've got to admire

By EAMONN HAMES

LUCKY punters at the Curragh were treated to a five-sta performance from Dyla Browne McMonagle.

The Irish champion jocke rode a stunning 723-1 five timer, including the excitin Green Empress (11-4) in th Group 2 Debutante Stakes.

He won the first four race on the card, with Josep O'Brien's Monogram (4-6 making a taking debut.

Acula (11-8f) and Bear O The Run (14-1) were also o target before Yousaynothingat- all (9-4f) completed a stellar afternoon.

McMonagle said: "It's been an amazing day, every- thing has gone right and I'm very fortunate.

"I think Green Empress is exceptional, she hit the line strong today and is a very exciting filly for the future."

Aidan O'Brien's antepost Derby favourite Giant Sequoia won the Futurity Stakes and was cut into 5-1 (from 6) for the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket in October.

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EECHLESS

York win for cool Charlie

By JACK KEENE

him. You get good horses who can do it at two and three, but when they do it at four and five you've got to doff your cap to them.

"We're allowed to give these horses the opportunity to do it and that is full credit to Sheikh Mohammed and the team at Godolphin for letting us keep these horses in training, as it would be very easy to retire a horse like him.

"I spoke to a couple of guys from the Breeders' Cup earlier today.

"What is good about today is he has showed his versatility on ground slightly softer than is ideal.

"Going to Keeneland you can have a question mark about whether the ground will be a bit more autumnal, so hopefully that has given us the confidence that we can head straight to the Breeders' Cup now."

William Haggas had to settle for second in the City Of York with Lake Forest, but he bagged the Melrose with the improving **Infraad** (10-3f).

The three-year-old has an entry in the St Leger next month, but his trainer is setting his sights a little lower.

He said: "He is improving but is still quite raw and has more to learn. We'll probably go for something like the Noel Murless at Ascot next."

CLASS ACT . . . Notable Speech storms to a sixth Group 1 win in the City Of York Stakes

WORCESTER

TEMPLEGATE	TOM PEPPER
2.08..... Axel Bleue	2.08..... Billy Boi Blue
2.38....AT THE OCHE (nap)	2.38..... Little Ledgend
3.08..... Delulu	3.08..... Turbogeist
3.38... Down To Business	3.38..Thiscouldbetheone
4.08..... Raffles Nobu	4.08..... Raffles Nobu (nb)
4.38..... Trouville	4.38..... Harry
5.08..... Diamond White	5.08..... Forest Spirit

■TIC-TAC: L-H 1m 5f oval, flat with long straights and easy turns. There are nine fences and run-in of 220 yards. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): F O'Brien 34-234, N Mulholland 33-222, D Skelton 29-176, O Murphy 28-119. THIS SEASON: D Skelton 9, J & A O'Neill 7. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): S Bowen 66-264, S Twiston-Davies 33-223, H Skelton 28-122. THIS SEASON: S Bowen 11, H Skelton 9. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Whin Cover (3.08) & Joto (5.08) trained at Saltburn. Round trip of 408 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Axel Bleue (2.08), Camino Rocio (2.08), Treshnish Point (3.08), Whin Cover (3.08), Down To Business (3.38). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

GOING: GOOD

2.08 NEU-SERVO BET ON GREAT REPAIRS HANDICAP CHASE (Class 4); winner £5,281; 2m 7f. (9 runners)

1	U3225-3	**GAELIC RAMBLER 30** J & A O'Neill 6-12-0	Jonjo O'Neill Jr	96
2	73/0422	**RAS KASSAR 8 (H)** D Pipe 7-11-13	Rian Corcoran (5)	●99
3	P9-3312	**AXEL BLEUE 32 (BF,CD)** M Bowen 6-11-10	James Bowen	97
4	PP-5661	**BILLY BOI BLUE 30** D Killahena & G McPherson 9-11-10	Kielan Woods	95
5	/114-P4	**ALL INN HAND 73** M Bowen 6-11-8	Sean Bowen	87
6	1-5174	ARTISTE D'AINAY 35 (BF,D) B Aprahamian 8-11-8	non-runner	93
7	3-44222-	**CAMINO ROCIO 127** D Skelton 8-11-6	Harry Skelton	96
8	404-368	**TWIST OF FATECATCH 36** N Mulholland 6-11-4	Richie McLernon	87
9	634-211	**GATA BAN 74 (CD)** N Mulholland 9-10-7	Dylan Johnston	98

BETTING: 10-3 Gata Ban, 4 Axel Bleue, 5 Billy Boi Blue, 11-2 Ras Kassar
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

2.38 NEU-SERVO RAPID RESPONSE HANDICAP CHASE (4); value to the winner £5,281; 2m 4f. (10 runners)

1	762-426	**COASTGUARD STATION 56** H Oliver 10-12-2	David Noonan	88
2	660P-30	**HOMME PUBLIC 36 (B)** O Greenall & J Guerriero 9-12-1	Jack Tudor	92
3	P21-221	**PEP TALKING 39 (D)** B Aprahamian 8-11-11	Gavin Sheehan	97
4	25222-1	**AT THE OCHE 28 (D)** D Skelton 5-11-11	Harry Skelton	●99
5	743-245	**COURT IN A STORM 32** K Bailey & M Nicholls 7-11-10	Tom Bellamy	93
6	4152-54	**IMPERIAL BEDE 71 (D)** J & A O'Neill 8-11-4	Harry Cobden	94
7	61P-331	**MIX OF CLOVER 44 (CD)** A Ralph 12-11-2	Tom Broughton (3)	96
8	4223-22	**LITTLE LEDGEND 32 (BF)** O Murphy 6-11-1	Sean Bowen	93
9	4P-P364	**DOYOUKNOWWHATIMEAN 44 (C)** G Hanmer 9-10-13	Kevin Brogan	90
10	247-U84	**HUDSON 28** M Bowen 5-10-10	Shane Fenelon (5)	84

BETTING: 11-4 Pep Talking, 7-2 Mix Of Clover, 4 At The Oche, 6 Little Ledgend, 12 Court In A Storm, 16 Imperial Bede, Hudson, Coastguard Station, Homme Public
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

3.08 NEU-SERVO NEIGH BAD REPAIRS OPEN NH FLAT RACE (5); winner £2,451; 2m. (11 runners)

1	U2-	**I'VE GOT A FRIEND 148** G Hanmer 5-11-2	James Davies	82
2	U	**JAUNTY TROOPER 47** C Williams 5-11-2	Conor Ring	—
3	251-1	**SPANISH DARLING 119 (T★)** T George 5-11-2	Liam Harrison	92
4		**TRESHNISH POINT** L Morgan 5-11-2	Brian Hughes	—
5	75-	**WHIN COVER 411** J Dawson 5-11-2	Conor O'Farrell	73
6		**PEDRO'S MOON** O Murphy 4-10-13	Sean Bowen	—
7	2	**TURBOGEIST 93** M Bowen 4-10-13	James Bowen	98
8		**DELULU** D Skelton 4-10-6	Harry Skelton	—
9	8-6	**ESTHER SPRING 104 (H)** C Williams 4-10-6	Jack Tudor	73
10	47	**QUEENS GLANCE 54** M Rimell 4-10-6	Gavin Sheehan	78
11	5-4217	**THETYPE ISTITLE 30 (D)** D Pipe 4-10-6	Harry Cobden	●99

BETTING: 9-4 Turbogeist, 4 Delulu, 5 Pedro's Moon, 11-2 Thetype Istitle
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3
2025: Chicker 4-10-13 Jonathan Burke 5-1 (F O'Brien), 7 ran.

3.38 NEU-SERVO PHILS LAST SHIFT MAIDEN HURDLE (4); value to the winner £5,446; 2m. (12 runners)

1	3279-5	**ANNUAL INVITATION 113 (H★)** C Williams 5-11-4	Jack Tudor	76
2		**BALTIC F15** L Wadham 6-11-4	Tom Cannon	—
3	5	**HAPPY CHANDLER 32** M Blake 5-11-4	Harry Reed	80
4	53-U68	**LUCKY DIAMOND 32** F O'Brien 5-11-4	Liam Harrison	70
5	5/960-3	**THISCOULDBETHEONE 85 (BF)** H Oliver 5-11-4	David Noonan	98
6	9/P4PP-	**WHINNEY HILL 196 (H★;D)** D Roberts 6-11-4	Lee Edwards	70
7	345-	**DOWN TO BUSINESS 200** D Skelton 4-11-1	Harry Skelton	●99
8	F	**FERVENT 104** W Greatrex 4-11-1	James Bowen	—
9	59	**GIANT'S WAY 53** J & A O'Neill 4-11-1	Jonjo O'Neill Jr	78
10	532-	**NETWORK GOLD 245** O Murphy 4-11-1	Sean Bowen	94
11	74	**SAVANNA STORM 41** D Pipe 4-11-1	Rian Corcoran (5)	84
12	P179-	**SNOW IS IN THE SKY 161** G Brown 5-10-11	Richie McLernon	70

BETTING: 15-8 Thiscouldbetheone, 7-2 Down To Business, 9-2 Network Gold
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1
2025: Dream Diamond 5-11-1 Alex Chadwick 2-5 Fav (James Owen), 10 ran.

4.08 YOU SPINDLE ME RIGHTROUND BABY RIGHTROUND HCAP HURDLE (5); winner £3,697; 2m. (14 runners)

1	/2325-P	**ZAFAAN F22 (H)** C Clover 6-12-0	Harry Bannister	86
2	5-U24121	**PLAYFUL FOX 1 (D)** D Skelton 4-12-7(7ex)	Harry Skelton	●99
3	4721-27	**EZ TIGER 32 (CD)** A Hales 9-11-13	Bryan Carver	93
4	0/2-615	**KERNIE D'AIRY 32 (CD)** J Snowden 6-11-12	Gavin Sheehan	92
5	232625-	**GRAECIA 139 (BF,CD)** C Longsdon 5-11-9	Daire McConville (7)	91
6	56-9122	**CROWN OF INDIA 49 (CD)** A Hales 5-11-8	Kielan Woods	96
7	48-7616	**MOJO EGO 36 (CD)** F O'Brien 6-11-7	Liam Harrison	94
8	0P-5211	**CAWTHORNE BANKER 30 (B;D)** J & A O'Neill 8-11-6	Jonjo O'Neill Jr	97
9	744-8	**NETWORK RGB 47** O Murphy 4-11-5	Sean Bowen	90
10	-P34213	**RAFFLES NOBU 34 (B;BF)** N Scholfield 6-11-3	Jack Quinlan	92
11	3/6-332	**OCEAN HEIGHTS 30 (D)** D Pipe 9-10-12	Rian Corcoran (5)	94
12	66P-465	**CONNEMARA JOE 38 (P★)** M Sheppard 5-10-10	Stan Sheppard	87
13	3P6-753	**CASTLE QUARTER 30 (V;D)** N Mulholland 10-10-9	Richie McLernon	93
14	3133548	**GENBU 8 (D)** S Davies 4-10-8	Charlie Price	86

BETTING: 2 Playful Fox, 3 Cawthorne Banker, 9-2 Crown Of India, 11-2 Raffles Nobu
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.

4.38 NEU-SERVO BEST REPAIRS HANDS DOWN HANDICAP HURDLE (4); winner £4,594; 2m 4f. (8 runners)

1	U40/1-8	**LETTERSTON LILY 36 (CD)** M Bowen 6-12-2	James Bowen	92
2	314	**TROUVILLE 30 (BF,C)** O Murphy 5-12-1	Sean Bowen	●99
3	40/7P9-	**TINTINTIN 221** F O'Brien 7-12-1	Tom Broughton (3)	82
4	73-U233	**DREAM DIAMOND 30 (BF,C)** J Owen 6-12-0	Jonathan Burke	96
5	837-725	**NORMAN FLETCHER 36 (V)** N&W Twiston-Davies 7-11-10	Sam Twiston-Davies	93
6	125/711	**HARRY 39 (P★)** D Pipe 9-11-9	Rian Corcoran (5)	96
7	139F-44	**ROMANY BROWN 28** B Case 6-11-4	Ciaran Gethings	91
8	/32822-	**COUNTY CHAMPS 255** C Gordon 7-10-5	Harry Cobden	95

BETTING: 11-4 Trouville, 3 Harry, 10-3 County Champs, 9-2 Dream Diamond
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: PU
2025: Walk Of No Shame 8-11-6 Richie McLernon 50-1 (J & A O'Neill), 12 ran.

5.08 NEU-SERVO SUPPORTS LARSEN'S PRIDE MARES' HCAP HURDLE (5); win £3,697; 2m 4f. (13 runners)

1	332-722	**DIAMOND WHITE 35 (BF)** J & A O'Neill 5-12-0	Jonjo O'Neill Jr	●99
2	43513-5	**LA LOLITA 42** G Hanmer 5-11-9	James Bowen	91
3	254-636	**THE SECRET PEARL 28** A Hales 7-11-9	Kielan Woods	86
4	/P7025-	**MRS BIDDLE 288** K Woollacott 8-11-4	Harry Cobden	92
5	26PP0-4	**KOTTAYAM 65** D Roberts 6-10-12	Lee Edwards	87
6	22-6776	**MEDINA BLUE 32** G Harris 5-10-11	Joe Anderson (3)	91
7	8555-42	**MYA DU CLOS 71** C Williams 4-10-10	Jack Tudor	97
8	3/1P-32	**KYLENOE DANCER 74** K Bailey & M Nicholls 8-10-8	Tom Bellamy	94
9	753-274	**FOREST SPIRIT 36** M Bowen 5-10-7	Shane Fenelon (5)	98
10	55-434	**BLUE SIAM F33 (BF)** S Hosie 4-10-5	Ellis Collier (5)	91
11	4P-5374	**KLERVIA 35** F Brennan 6-10-4	Isabelle Ryder (5)	87
12	8333U-U	**JOTO 109** J Dawson 6-10-3	Brian Hughes	83
13	33PP-56	**LADY HARRIETT 90 (D)** M Bowen 7-10-2	Sean Bowen	89

BETTING: 15-8 Diamond White, 3 Mya Du Clos, 5 Kylenoe Dancer, 10 Forest Spirit
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7
2025: Ballyhiho 5-10-11 Richie McLernon 4-1 (D J Jeffreys), 10 ran.

High five for Dylan

FAST FIVE . . . Dylan Browne McMonagle

BAY DAY

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shot, who was drawn on the inside on stall one but managed to weave his way through the 22-runner field to find the favoured near rail.

And in a nail-biting three-way battle to the line Daiquiri Bay had his head in front where it mattered.

The winning jockey has had an up and down season and wouldn't have been able to ride at York had he not had a whopping 28-day ban reduced to 10 days on appeal.

His luck is clearly starting to turn and he said: "We've had a year where, luckily, we've been able to plan his season out, and Alan has had zero hiccups at all. The man's a genius.

"We've rocked on to Ascot, we've rocked on to York, we haven't missed a beat and now he has won an Ebor, so it's brilliant.

"I thought I'd held on, I didn't realise it was as close as it was. He's a very good horse and I was quietly confident coming here."

The Ebor is a 'win and you're in' race for the Melbourne Cup, but King didn't sound overly keen when asked if he'd be dusting off his passport to head Down Under.

He laughed: "I don't travel, you do well to get me to go to York!

"I thought the Wathnan horses were coming to do me. When you win these big races it is emotional, we don't win as many as we used to.

"He is still on the up, so we'll let the dust settle before deciding his next race."

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GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM)

EAMONN HAMES	TOM PEPPER
2.30 Lunar Empress	2.30 Maeda Matsu
3.00 Argentarius	3.00 Film Set
3.30 Zoar	3.30 Capital Of Pride
4.00 Soul Love	4.00 Havana Anna
4.30 GORDON BENNETT (nap)	4.30 Steel Magnolia
5.00 Wie Wunderbar	5.00 Glittering Gem
5.30 Ob La Di (nb)	5.30 Guardian Of Realm

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed galloping track of 1m4f with a run-in of 4f and a steep uphill finish. ■DRAW: Low best in sprints. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): A P O'Brien 67-234, G M Lyons 36-228, J P O'Brien 29-258, J Harrington 26-274. THIS SEASON: A P O'Brien 11, J P O'Brien 9. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): C D Hayes 28-255, S Foley 26-243, W J Lee 23-233, B M Coen 21-236. THIS SEASON: W J Lee 4, S Foley 4, D McDonogh 3. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: God Knows (5.00) trained at Donegal. Round trip of 302 miles. ■JACKPOT: 3-6. PLACEPOT: 1-6. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

2.30 IRISH EBF MEDIAN SIRES SERIES FILLIES MAIDEN; 2-y-o; value to the winner €15,000; 7f. (16 runners)

1 (15) 7 **CHURCHILL BOND 31** P Twomey 9-3 ... Billy Lee 84
2 (13) 6 **ARMARONE'S GIRL 31** C Hughes 9-1 ... Robbie Colgan 73
3 (18) **ESTADO DE LA LUNA** J O'Brien 9-1 ... Gary Carroll —
4 (1) 25 **LUNAR EMPRESS 26** J Harrington 9-1 ... Shane Foley 92
5 (17) **REYIKA** J Murtagh 9-1 ... Ben Coen —
6 (10) **AUTUMN GRAY** E & P Harty 8-13 ... Jamie Powell —
7 (9) 9 **COASTAL WONDER 31** J O'Donoghue 8-13 ... Rory Mulligan (5) 71
8 (3) **GREEN NATURE** J O'Brien 8-13 ... Declan McDonogh —
9 (4) 05 **LUSTED 8** J Halley 8-13 ... Andy Slattery 78
10 (6) **PAS DE DEUX** J Murtagh 8-13 ... Seamie Heffernan —
11 (5) 33 **SILVER KISS 26** D Weld 8-13 ... Chris Hayes ●99
12 (2) 625 **STAR GLORY 21** N Meade 8-13 ... Gavin Ryan 97
13 (12) 9 **WECOULDAVEHADITALL 26** D McLoughlin 8-13 ... Nathan Crosse 70
14 (7) 2 **MAEDA MATSU 20** S Lavery 8-11 ... Rory Cleary 97
15 (11) 088 **ARIZONANEARGALWAY 11** D Hogan 8-9 ... Mel Sheridan (7) 70
16 (14) 3 **MISS TWILIGHT 31** R Devine 8-9 ... Luke McAteer 90
17 (8) 7 **SCARLET DREAM 8** A McGuinness 8-11 ... RESERVE 82
18 (16) 0 **BEX NOIR 8 (H)** F Hand 8-9 ... RESERVE —

BETTING: 7-2 Silver Kiss, 9-2 Maeda Matsu, 11-2 Star Glory, 8 Miss Twilight
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 8 1 2 7 3
2025: Caught U Sleeping 8-11 Dylan McMonagle 17-2 (N Meade) drawn 5, 15 ran.

3.00 MATCHBOOK EXCHANGE IRISH EBF FILLIES MAIDEN; 2-y-o; value to the winner €13,200; 6f. (16 runners)

1 (6) 0 **A GIRL NAMED SIOUX 45 (H★)** D McLoughlin 9-2 ... Jamie Powell 72
2 (4) **ALFRESCO** D O'Brien 9-2 ... Gavin Ryan —
3 (8) 88 **ANNIE TIPS 9** J Dowling 9-2 ... Luke McAteer 93
4 (12) 24 **ARGENTARIUS 26 (BF)** D Murphy 9-2 ... Shane Foley ●99
5 (13) **FAHRANA** J Murtagh 9-2 ... Rory Mulligan (5) —
6 (10) 5 **FILM SET 46** A P O'Brien 9-2 ... Jack Cleary (5) 93
7 (2) **FORMOUS** J O'Brien 9-2 ... Declan McDonogh —
8 (11) **KATSUIT** A Sexton 9-2 ... Seamie Heffernan —
9 (5) **LADY H** H Bromhead 9-2 ... Robbie Colgan —
10 (9) 73 **PINK VENOM 53** J Murtagh 9-2 ... Ben Coen 90
11 (15) 3 **RED PRIMROSE 60** G Lyons 9-2 ... Gary Carroll 96
12 (7) 0 **SADIE ROSE 8** F Hand 9-2 ... Robert Wheatty 70
13 (16) **SORRENTO SUNSET** D McLoughlin 9-2 ... Nathan Crosse —
14 (1) 00 **STORMY DAWN 9** P Fahy 9-2 ... Keithen Kennedy (5) 70
15 (3) **TIMELESS TALE** W McCreery 9-2 ... Billy Lee —
16 (14) **ZELENTE** R O'Sullivan 9-2 ... Siobhan Rutledge —

BETTING: 3 Argentarius, 4 Red Primrose, 13-2 Alfresco, Lady H, 15-2 Formous, Film Set, Fahrana, 14 Pink Venom
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 2 1 1
2025: Dawn Romance 9-2 Dylan McMonagle 11-8 Fav (M O'Callaghan) drawn 4, 12 ran.

3.30 IRISH EBF AUCTION SERIES MAIDEN; 2-y-o; value to the winner €15,000; 6f. (16 runners)

1 (1) **KILCULLEN** T Collins 9-9 ... Gavin Ryan —
2 (10) 7 **MAGMA KING 38** J Davison 9-9 ... James Ryan 74
3 (13) 5 **CAPITAL OF PRIDE 30** R Aguiar 9-7 ... Declan McDonogh 90
4 (14) 2 **ZOAR 32** D O'Brien 9-7 ... Chris Hayes 97
5 (9) **EYECONIC** J Stack 9-4 ... Seamie Heffernan —
6 (5) TIDAL BLUE D O'Brien 9-4 ... non-runner —
7 (11) 0 **JISIR 23** D Hogan 9-3 ... Robbie Colgan 70
8 (4) **DON'T GO MAD** R O'Sullivan 9-1 ... Leigh Roche —
9 (15) **MISS CASHMAN HOOKE** N Lupini 9-0 ... Billy Lee —
10 (3) **SAPPHIRE SUN** J Murtagh 9-0 ... Ben Coen —
11 (8) **ELZANTE** C Byrnes 8-13 ... Nathan Crosse —
12 (16) 0 **PANHANDLE 43** G Cromwell 8-13 ... Robert Wheatty 70
13 (7) **CATCH THE BOSS** J Harrington 8-12 ... Shane Foley —
14 (6) 672 **ROEILLAUN 7** N Meade 8-12 ... Reese Holohan (7) ●99
15 (12) **BAJANS** J Halley 8-10 ... Andy Slattery —
16 (2) **UNLAWFILLY** C Timmons 8-10 ... Rory Cleary —

BETTING: 15-8 Roeillaun, 2 Zoar, 11-2 Capital Of Pride, 15-2 Catch The Boss, 12 Sapphire Sun, 16 Miss Cashman Hooke, 20 Kilcullen, 25 Eyeconic
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 8 1 1 4
2025: Fresh Fade 9-7 Dylan McMonagle 16-5 (M O'Callaghan) drawn 8, 13 ran.

4.00 TALLY-HO STUD BALLYOGAN STAKES (FILLIES/MARES' GRP 3) (1) winner €60,000; 6f (8 run)

1 38-544 **CHANTEZ 32 (B)**
(8) G Lyons 4-9-7 . . . . **Gary Carroll** 88
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 2 €77,258
Behind Soul Love C&D Lstd latest, do well to turn that around, e-w best

2 10-902 **FIRST INSTINCT 44 (D)**
(4) W Haggas (UK) 4-9-7 . . . . **Cieren Fallon** 97
Runs: 14 Wins: 4 (F,2GS,G) Places: 4 €155,746
More like it York latest, top British stable has good record in race, player

3 58-607 **TEMPERANCE 9 (CD)**
(2) K McGivern 4-9-7. . . . . **Chris Hayes** 83
Runs: 14 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 3 €37,856
C&D winner, long way behind Soul Love here last month, out of depth

4 221158 **TREASURE ROSE 9 (D)**
(3) J Murtagh 4-9-7 . . . .**Ben Coen** 87
Runs: 13 Wins: 2 (S,G) Places: 6 €34,843
Held by Soul Love here, Cork latest better than form figure suggests, sniff

5 6-1121 **DANCING SAXON 27**
(1) J O'Brien 3-9-4 . . . . . **Declan McDonogh** 96
Runs: 9 Wins: 3 (A,G) Places: 2 €35,504
Going great guns, closest to Soul Love here sole stakes try, in the hunt

6 717828 **FOCACCIA 14**
(6) J Stack 3-9-4. . . . .**Seamie Heffernan** 78
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 3 €12,787
Behind Soul Love last month, little she's done suggests she's up to this

7 20-147 **HAVANA ANNA 36 (CD)**
(5) D O'Brien 3-9-4 . . . . **Gavin Ryan** ●99
Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (2G) Places: 4 €181,637
Grp 3 win here then close 4th in Commonwealth Cup, sets the standard

8 -19131 **SOUL LOVE 32 (CD)**
(7) K Burke (UK) 3-9-4 . . . .**Pierre Jamin** 98
Runs: 6 Wins: 4 (2A,2G) Places: 1 €78,843
Plenty of these behind when winning Listed race here latest, will go close

BETTING: 2 Havana Anna, 9-4 First Instinct, 10-3 Soul Love, 13-2 Dancing Saxon, 10 Chantez, 33 Treasure Rose, 50 Temperance
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 5 1 2 1
2025: Sky Majesty 3-9-4, T Marquand Evens Fav (W Haggas), drw 4, 12 ran.

4.30 BIG EVS AT TALLY-HO HANDICAP (0-60); value to the winner €6,000; 5f. (19 runners)

1 (13) -035900 **AURORA NOVA 14 (D)** A McNamara 7-10-2 ... Sam Coen (5) 85
2 (16) 9-68321 **DANDY LAND 20 (V;CD)** W McCreery 4-10-2 ... Paddy Harnett (3) 97
3 (9) 8-507 **MENWIRR 89** D Hogan 3-10-0 ... Mel Sheridan (7) 90
4 (1) 034-607 **NEBROOK STAR 8 (B)** D Dias 3-10-0 ... Jamie Orr (7) 88
5 (4) 4029594 **TAWAAZON 20 (B;C,D)** J Kinsella 8-9-13 ... Chris Hayes 94
6 (3) 46039-0 **GORDON BENNETT 17 (C,D)** P Fahey 8-9-12 ... Ben Coen 79
7 (14) 0416048 **I'M SPARTACUS 30** A McGuinness 5-9-11 ... Adam Caffrey 88
8 (5) /70960- **PANSY POE 331** M Fahey 5-9-11 ... Reese Holohan (7) 70
9 (12) 807-602 **SIMMERING SEAS 9 (BF)** D Murphy 3-9-8 ... Terry Casey (7) ●99
10 (10) 0090-07 **SMART SIOUX 9** C O'Connell 3-9-8 ... Robbie Colgan 71
11 (2) 21-2697 **HASIYNA 156 (D)** J McConnell 6-9-6 ... Siobhan Rutledge 85
12 (19) 3026350 **WHATSWRONGNOW 30** B Burke 5-9-6 ... Adam Browne-Souza (7) 87
13 (11) 0983/0- **PRADA'S WORLD 484** N Kelly 4-9-5 ... Luke McAteer 84
14 (6) 758019- **AMANIRENAS 331** M Grassick 7-9-4 ... Niall McCullagh 84
15 (8) 7-00903 **STEP BACK IN TIME 20 (D)** C Timmons 8-9-2 ... Rory Cleary 96
16 (18) 4-43472 **STEEL MAGNOLIA 20 (V)** W McCreery 4-9-1 ... Billy Lee 95
17 (15) 609 **LITTLE ROY 70** G Scott 3-8-13 ... Leigh Roche 72
18 (17) 0000 **NIOBITE 30** P Flynn 3-8-11 ... Robyn Donaghue-Leahy (7) 70
19 (7) 2580-07 **LISMACBRYAN 87 (H★)** G Kingston 5-8-10 ... Zoe McMullan (10) 75

BETTING: 3 Dandy Land, 4 Steel Magnolia, 5 Simmering Seas, 6 Step Back In Time
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 6
2025: Pinmoney 3-9-3 Shane Foley 10-1 (Daniel Murphy) drawn 17, 21 ran.

5.00 HARTES GROUP APPRENTICE HANDICAP; value to the winner €7,200; 1m 3f. (16 runners)

1 (1) 419-305 **EASTERN PEACE 31 (D)** R O'Sullivan 4-10-0 ... Reese Holohan (2) 91
2 (12) 70-324 **GLITTERING GEM 8** D Weld 4-10-0 ... Sam Coen 92
3 (7) 13-6540 **SHOWYOUTHEROPES 24 (V)** G O'Leary 4-9-13 ... Danny O'Leary (7) 87
4 (2) 3-98649 **SINBAD MY DAD 17** S Fahey 5-9-13 ... Joseph Harnett (7) 92
5 (9) 9905555 **DERRY LAD 17 (D)** K Coleman 8-9-8 ... Jessica O'Gorman (4) 93
6 (8) 442-448 **COVERT LEGEND 20** M Ahern 6-9-7 ... Julian Pietropaolo (2) 90
7 (4) 014070/ **MARALINGA J44** T Doyle 8-9-7 ... Adam Browne-Souza (4) —
8 (10) 880 **PARISH TEAM 17** J Bolger 3-9-6 ... Nicola Burns 74
9 (3) 22-0907 **GOD KNOWS 38** P Sweeney 7-9-5 ... Adam Grant (7) 84
10 (16) 16743-6 **SIGNOR FERRARI 34 (D)** P Murphy 5-9-5 ... Conor Cusack (7) 94
11 (15) 32-1664 **TERO D'ROSA 42** R O'Sullivan 4-9-5 ... Shane Wallace (7) ●99
12 (11) 485-081 **AMAVASYA 79 (H)** M Grassick 4-9-4 ... Jack Cleary 97
13 (18) 7930067 **GOD OF THUNDER 8** D Hogan 7-9-2 ... Jared Huggan (7) 77
14 (14) 362 **WIE WUNDERBAR 72** J Harrington 3-8-13 ... Keithen Kennedy 94
15 (5) 0800 **WALLS CROSS 11** T Doyle 4-8-11 ... Orla Tynan (4) 70
16 (13) 0-07922 **MILLHONE 30** C Weld 3-8-9 ... Rory Mulligan 93
17 (17) 5891344 **YQUEM 5** R Brabazon 4-8-8 ... RESERVE 94
18 (6) 080-090 **MISS IVOR 16** P O'Rourke 3-8-7 ... RESERVE 75

BETTING: 4 Millhone, 9-2 Amavasya, 6 Wie Wunderbar, 8 Derry Lad, 10 Tero D'rosa
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 2 3 3-5 3
2025: Areana 6-8-5 J O'Gorman 11-2 (E & P Harty) drawn 1, 16 ran.

5.30 TRM BIOACTIVE ENERGY BOOST HANDICAP; value to the winner €15,000; 1m 2f 110yds. (10 runners)

1 (1) 41149-3 **ALICE MONET 18 (D)** D Weld 4-10-0 ... Sam Coen (5) 95
2 (8) 537-507 **PORT OF SPAIN 23** A P O'Brien 3-9-12 ... Jack Cleary (5) 91
3 (7) 1318751 **DIAMOND EXCHANGE 20 (CD)** J Harrington 4-9-0 ... Shane Foley ●99
4 (6) 0-04852 **OB LA DI 38 (CD)** J Murtagh 5-9-0 ... Ben Coen 98
5 (2) -006577 **AKECHETA 16** K Coleman 6-8-13 ... Billy Lee 84
6 (10) 322-61 **GUARDIAN OF REALM 87 (D)** D Hogan 3-8-13 ... Chris Hayes 96
7 (9) 301-664 **MOCKING 62 (D)** J Murtagh 4-8-12 ... Rory Mulligan (5) 94
8 (3) 432-451 **MINELLA ROCKETT 25** J Nallen 3-8-9 ... Reese Holohan (7) 96
9 (4) 4088446 **QUATRE BRAS 8 (D)** R O'Brien 5-8-9 ... Andy Slattery 88
10 (5) 0-86569 **SPECKLED MEADOW 24 (CD)** D Browne 9-8-7 ... Julian Pietropaolo (7) 75

BETTING: 10-3 Diamond Exchange, 7-2 Ob La Di, Alice Monet, 6 Minella Rockett
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2 2
2025: Cap Saint Martin 3-8-6 Wayne Hassett 8-1 (J P O'Brien) drawn 3, 6 ran.

LONG SHOT BIG TIME RASCAL (3.50 Brighton) has won two of his past three including off just 3lb lower over course and distance last time. He should be on the premises again.

RACING RESULTS

YORK
Going: Good to soft-good in places

1.50: 1 ARCHIVIST C Rodriguez (9-1); **2 Saber Strike** (8-1); **3 Persica** (11-2). 11 ran (Damysus 11-4 fav). 7½l; 1¾l. H Al Jehani (UAE) . T: £10.50; £2.90, £3, £2.10. Ex: £108.20. Tricast: £447.61. Trifecta: £649.10. CF: £78.54. NR: Expanded, Naqeeb.

2.25: 1 INFRAAD T Marquand (10-3 jtfav); **2 Galilean Quality** (12-1); **3 Who's Lope** (28-1); **4 Tierra Del Toro** (28-1). 17 ran (Limestone 10-3 jtfav). 2l; ¾l; 1¾l. W Haggas. T: £4.35; £1.55, £4.30, £8.50. Ex: £57. Tricast: £1026.67. Trifecta: £895.60. CF: £44.90.

3.00: 1 NOTABLE SPEECH W Buick (9-4 fav); **2 Lake Forest** (6-1); **3 Marvelman** (18-1). 14 ran. 2¾l; shd. C Appleby. T: £3.25; £1.55, £2.50, £5.60. Ex: £25.60. Tricast: £191.12. Trifecta: £281.50. CF: £15.96.

3.35: 1 DAIQUIRI BAY Rossa Ryan (10-1); **2 Hopewell Rock** (13-2); **3 Opportunity** (14-1); **4 Ascending** (28-1). 22 ran (Love Me Tender 7-2 fav). hd; nk; 2l. A King. T: £11; £4.30, £3.95, £2.50, £2.35. Ex: £67.10. Tricast: £972.57. Trifecta: £549.80. CF: £77.85.

4.10: 1 SONDAD Joanna Mason (17-2); **2 Far Above Dream** (16-1); **3 Coul Angel** (16-1); **4 Dance In The Storm** (85-40 fav). 20 ran. ns; 1l; nk. M & D Easterby. T: £11.65; £4, £3.70, £2.55. Ex: £155. Tricast: £2248.02. Trifecta: £1769.40. CF: £143.37.

4.45: 1 SALE SHARK O Murphy (17-2); **2 Adonius** (2-1 fav); **3 Hickory Lad** (15-2). 11 ran. 1¼l; nk. H Palmer. T: £9.50; £2.20, £1.70, £2. Ex: £33.60. Trifecta: £197.50. CF: £25.75. NR: Undercover Affair.

5.20: 1 RAAMMEE R Dawson (13-8 fav); **2 Thunder Run** (14-1); **3 Bourbon Blues** (16-1); **4 Shafdar** (20-1). 20 ran. ½l; 1l; nk. R Varian. T: £2.63; £1.30, £3.10, £3.40, £4.40. Ex: £35. Tricast: £327.46. Trifecta: £405. CF: £28.08. NR: King's Code, Nepal.

JACKPOT: Not won, pool of £26,536.22 carried over.
PLACEPOT: £249.90
QUADPOT: £26.80

CHESTER
Going: Good to soft-soft in places

2.05: 1 WHIP CRACKER H Crouch (7-1); **2 Collecting Coin** (9-1); **3 Asuka** (13-8 fav). 13 ran. ½l; 1¼l. R Hughes. T: £8; £2.20, £3, £1.40. Ex: £72.50. Tricast: £158.14. Trifecta: £277.70. CF: £69.30. NR: The Fingal Raven.

2.40: 1 MIDAK P Mulrennan (16-1); **2 By The Book** (2-1 fav); **3 Tactician** (18-1). 8 ran. nk; 2l. I Williams. T: £17; £3.10, £1.30, £4.10. Ex: £51.10. Trifecta: £434.60. CF: £48.57.

3.15: 1 NICELY H Crouch (2-1 fav); **2 Bated Benevolence** (5-2); **3 Takaaful** (10-3). 7 ran. hd; 1l. K P De Foy. T: £3; £1.60, £1.70. Ex: £7.30. Trifecta: £19.90. CF: £7.54.

3.50: 1 IVORY MOON B Loughnane (4-6 fav); **2 Duty's Call** (5-1); **3 Lady Of Hay** (7-2). 6 ran. 3½l; 4l. G Boughey. T: £1.67; £1.20, £2.10. Ex: £2.50. Trifecta: £8.30. CF: £4.74. NR: Mollisha.

4.25: 1 HENRYTHENATE J Nicholls (22-1); **2 Big Fun** (12-1); **3 U S S Charleston** (2-1). 6 ran (Alfa Duplicate 7-4 fav). 2l; 1l. P Morris. T: £23; £5, £3.50. Ex: £79.90. Trifecta: £701.90. CF: £230.50. NR: Kanishka.

5.00: 1 STATION X P Mulrennan (6-1); **2 American Style** (4-1 co fav); **3 Brighton Boy** (4-1 co fav). 11 ran (Fortification 4-1 co fav, Roman Dragon 4-1 co fav). nk; ½l. B Smart. T: £7.10; £2.10, £1.90, £1.70. Ex: £42.60. Tricast: £112.60. Trifecta: £157.20. CF: £31.52. NR: Cherry Baker, Rosenpur, Tricky Tel.

5.35: 1 CRANACHAN H Crouch (9-2); **2 Sea And Sun** (9-4 jtfav); **3 St Mawes** (9-4 jtfav). 9 ran. 6l; 7½l. R Beckett. T: £5.50; £1.90, £1.40, £1.40. Ex: £16.80. Tricast: £29. Trifecta: £47.80. CF: £14.92.

PLACEPOT: £744.50
QUADPOT: £325.70

NEWMARKET
Going: Good

1.34: 1 GREAT BALLS O'FIRE G Wood (6-4 fav); **2 Sky Symphony** (10-1); **3 One For Bruce** (5-2). 6 ran. 1½l; 1l. R Spencer. T: £2.50; £1.50, £3.40. Ex: £12.30. Trifecta: £49. CF: £17.20. NR: Scenic Blue.

2.09: 1 PILU J Leavy (4-1); **2 Sword** (10-1); **3 Rajaking** (3-1 fav). 13 ran. hd; ½l. R Teal. T: £5.10; £2.10, £3.30, £1.80. Ex: £50.90. Tricast: £140.73. Trifecta: £277.90. CF: £43.93.

2.44: 1 ROYAL BODYGUARD P Dobbs (11-4); **2 Khuskhas** (10-3); **3 Karakula Dancer** (14-1). 7 ran (Guest House 9-4 fav). 1½l; 1¼l. M Bell. T: £3.75; £1.80, £1.90. Ex: £11.80. Tricast: £103.21. Trifecta: £80.50. CF: £11.82. NR: Aerial Silk.

3.19: 1 PRINCE OF INDIA P Dobbs (6-4 fav); **2 Elarak** (4-1); **3 Dubai Bling** (9-1). 7 ran. 2l; ¾l. M Botti. T: £2.50; £1.50, £2.30. Ex: £12. Trifecta: £34.70. CF: £7.88. NR: Royal Zabeel.

3.54: 1 NIGHT IN VEGAS C Hutchinson (6-5 fav); **2 Zigazig Ah** (4-1); **3 Topaz** (4-1); **4 Red Blue Point** (16-1). 18 ran. 1½l; 4¼l; ¾l. E J-Houghton. T: £2.20; £1.20, £1.70, £1.70. Ex: £8. Trifecta: £26.40. CF: £6.34. NR: Issy's Gift, Ron's Angel.

4.29: 1 ARQOOB C Hutchinson (15-2); **2 Goblet Of Fire** (6-4 fav); **3 Sixpack** (11-2). 5 ran. shd; 5l. L Wadham. T: £8.70; £2.80, £1.40. Ex: £18.10. Trifecta: £61.20. CF: £18.90.

5.04: 1 MAELSTROM Ashley Lewis (5-1); **2 Fantasy Master** (13-2); **3 Diomed Duke** (3-1). 7 ran (Tiva 9-4 fav). hd; ¾l. S C Williams. T: £6; £2.60, £2.80. Ex: £37.60. Trifecta: £126.20. CF: £37.22.

PLACEPOT: £17.70 **QUADPOT:** £6.70

NEWTON ABBOT
Going: Good to firm-good in places

1.55: 1 PLAYFUL FOX H Skelton (2-13 fav); **2 Devon Red** (11-2); **3 Bacardi Blue** (18-1). 4 ran. 2¼l; 35l. D Skelton. T: £1.16; Ex: £1.30. Trifecta: £1.90. CF: £1.61. NR: King's Scholar, Whermyrosemarygoes.

2.30: 1 MY GIRL KATIE A Balfe (15-8 fav); **2 Hardy Buck** (10-1); **3 Honey I'm Good** (11-2). 6 ran. 7l; 13l. G Harris. T: £2.88; £1.40, £4.80. Ex: £16.60. Trifecta: £95. CF: £18.74.

3.05: 1 GORE POINT S Twiston-Davies (13-8); **2 Ice Jet** (4-5 fav); **3 Cobbler's Boy** (22-1). 4 ran. 5l; 9½l. A Honeyball. T: £2.63; Ex: £3.40. Trifecta: £6.70. CF: £3.48.

3.40: 1 SON OF HYPNOS Mr Jack Stenhouse (25-1); **2 Mi Sueno** (2-1 fav); **3 Ugo Bingo** (5-1). 10 ran. 8l; 1l. R Chapman. T: £27.80; £5.30, £1.30, £2. Ex: £102.60. Tricast: £309.31. Trifecta: £1063.70. CF: £76.39. NR: Time Interval.

4.15: 1 AMERICAN SNIPER Rian Corcoran (9-4); **2 Soul Icon** (8-1); **3 Kitty Foyle** (13-2). 5 ran (Morning Mayhem 7-4 fav). 2l; 4¼l. D Pipe. T: £3.25; £1.60, £3.10. Ex: £16.80. Trifecta: £61.60. CF: £18.14. NR: Handlethekettle, Letterston Lily, Zillow.

4.52: 1 MOJITO DES MOTTES H Cobden (13-2); **2 Lunar Orbit** (5-4 fav); **3 Sayva** (7-2). 5 ran. 9½l; 3½l. B Pauling. T: £7.50; £2.20, £1.20. Ex: £9.50. Trifecta: £58.80. CF: £15.58. NR: Arctic Voyage.

PLACEPOT: £119
QUADPOT: £29.40

CURRAGH
Going: Good-good to firm in places

1.05: 1 MONOGRAM D Browne McMonagle (4-6 fav); **2 Salt Lake** (14-1); **3 Noble Exhibit** (16-1); **4 Iveagh House** (13-2). 16 ran. shd; 3¾l; ¾l. J P O'Brien. T: €1.67; €1.10, €3.90, €4.30. Ex: €14.80. Trifecta: €205.70. CF: €13.89.

1.40: 1 ACULA D Browne McMonagle (11-8 fav); **2 The Austrian** (20-1); **3 Handani** (5-2). 12 ran. ½l; hd. J P O'Brien. T: €2.38; €1.20, €3.10, €1.30. Ex: €23.20. Trifecta: €153.40. CF: €36.67. NR: Desert Swing, Sunatia.

2.15: 1 BEAR ON THE RUN D Browne McMonagle (14-1); **2 Moltophino** (9-2); **3 Genesis** (11-2). 10 ran (Keke 10-3 fav). ¾l; shd. Daniel Murphy. T: €15; €2.60, €2, €1.50. Ex: €102.10. Tricast: €410.32. Trifecta: €1221.50. CF: €78.75. NR: Chicago Pope, Jon Riggens.

2.50: 1 GREEN EMPRESS D Browne McMonagle (11-4); **2 Dancing Destiny** (12-1); **3 Alpha** (4-6 fav). 5 ran. nk; ½l. J P O'Brien. T: €3.75; €2.60, €1.20. Ex: €11.90. Trifecta: €30.20. CF: €29.91.

3.25: 1 GIANT SEQUOIA W M Lordan (2-1 fav); **2 Florida Bay** (9-4); **3 Green Dreamer** (25-1). 6 ran. ½l; ¾l. A P O'Brien. T: €3; €1.30, €1.50. Ex: €8.20. Trifecta: €51.40. CF: €6.97.

4.00: 1 YOUSAYNOTHINGATALL D Browne McMonagle (9-4 fav); **2 Nellcote** (14-1); **3 Navy Waters** (5-1). 11 ran. 1¼l; shd. J P O'Brien. T: €3.25; €1.30, €2.40, €2. Ex: €21.80. Tricast: €151.62. Trifecta: €114.80. CF: €39.44. NR: Railwayview Lady.

4.35: 1 QUEENSTOWN W M Lordan (9-1); **2 Kizlyar** (10-3); **3 Leinster** (7-1). 6 ran (Carmers 4-6 fav). 4½l; 2¾l. A P O'Brien. T: €10; €1.90, €1.70. Ex: €21. Trifecta: €56.70. CF: €39.39. NR: Asakir.

5.08: 1 CLONMACASH S Coen (13-2); **2 Rosato** (17-2); **3 Irish Rumour** (12-1); **4 Coincidental Glory** (10-1). 27 ran (Hugo's Girl 4-1 fav). shd; ½l; 1¼l. A McGuinness. T: €8.40; €2.40, €2.50, €3.30, €3.50. Ex: €94.20. Tricast: €713.92. Trifecta: €1157.80. CF: €63.40. NR: Fontaine Khaled, Poweracclaim, Raven's Call, She's On The Ball.

PLACEPOT: €38.70

KILLARNEY
Going: Good

1.25: 1 MINELLA HOLLOW D King (11-2); **2 Reaching High** (15-8 jtfav); **3 Kingstonian** (15-8 jtfav); **4 Airds Moss** (11-4). 16 ran. ½l; 1¼l; 11l. J Nallen. T: €9.70; €2, €1.20, €1.10. Ex: €35.10. Trifecta: €66.80. CF: €18.19. NR: Colliers Quay, Eben Zaabeel, Penny Express.

2.00: 1 GOLDEN HANDSHAKE P Byrnes (10-11 fav); **2 Certosa** (80-1); **3 Approval** (28-1); **4 Minella Moon Shine** (10-3). 16 ran. 10l; 4¾l; 7l. W Durkan. T: €1.91; €1.10, €14.60, €3.90. Ex: €137.70. Trifecta: €884.90. CF: €113.10. NR: Sea Eagle, Through The Storm.

2.35: 1 PURE LOGIC P Hanlon (10-1); **2 Laligurash** (25-1); **3 Maxicourt** (5-1 co fav). 15 ran (Uptaurintop 5-1 co fav, Ballindenisk 5-1 co fav). nk; ¾l. J J Hanlon. T: €11.30; €2.90, €8.20, €1.80. Ex: €330. Tricast: €1413.92. Trifecta: €2987. CF: €250.46. NR: Andyourbirdcansing, Mc Swagger, Mr Macphisto, Tedworth.

3.10: 1 LONDONOFFICECALLIN E Staples (8-1); **2 Jupiter Du Gite** (11-4 fav); **3 Magnor Glory** (33-1). 14 ran. 1½l; 2l. G Cromwell. T: €9; €2.70, €1.60, €7.80. Ex: €59.30. Tricast: €745.35. Trifecta: €2539.70. CF: €31.88.

3.45: 1 DADDY LONG LEGS B Hayes (13-8 fav); **2 Putapoundinthejar** (9-4); **3 Bowensonfire** (7-4). 5 ran. 7l; 13l. W P Mullins. T: €2.63; €1.10, €1.30. Ex: €3.80. Trifecta: €9.20. CF: €5.98. NR: Kilgame.

4.20: 1 BUTCH CASSIDY D J O'Keeffe (1-2 fav); **2 Uncle Pat** (5-2); **3 Yoradreamer** (7-1). 4 ran. 12l; 2l. H De Bromhead. T: €1.50; Ex: €1.60. Trifecta: €2.10. CF: €2.22. NR: Emily Love.

4.55: 1 JALILA MORIVIERE M P Walsh (9-4 fav); **2 She's A Fine Wine** (6-1); **3 West Away** (7-1). 10 ran. ¾l; 3½l. W P Mullins. T: €3.25; €1.40, €1.40, €2.50. Ex: €13. Tricast: €85.82. Trifecta: €129. CF: €17.79. NR: Ballybawn Belter, Mousey Brown.

5.30: 1 TEOFIL Mr J L Gleeson (8-11 fav); **2 Rokanako** (5-1); **3 Emergency Man** (11-4). 9 ran. 1½l; 2¾l. J S Bolger. T: €1.73; €1.10, €1.40, €1.20. Ex: €3.90. Trifecta: €11.60. CF: €5.32.

PLACEPOT: €20.80

LINGFIELD
Going: Standard

5.10: 1 ORCHARD L Morris (9-2); **2 Wanderlust** (11-1); **3 Cloth Of Gold** (9-4 fav). 9 ran. hd; 1l. W Greatrex. T: £5.70; £1.90, £2.60, £1.10. Ex: £60. Tricast: £138.98. Trifecta: £360.40. CF: £52.51.

5.40: 1 LADY OF CLOVER Liam Wright (2-1 fav); **2 Crazy Plan** (5-2); **3 Cormorant Rock** (22-1). 9 ran. 3¾l; 2¼l. G Scott. T: £3.10; £1.10, £1.40, £4.70. Ex: £9.70. Tricast: £81.53. Trifecta: £83.70. CF: £7.09. NR: Naranka.

6.15: 1 LAST VERSE P Cosgrave (11-1); **2 Hebridean Nomad** (6-1); **3 Betelgeuse** (12-1). 6 ran (Mountbatten 4-5 fav). 6l; 2¼l. J Parr. T: £13.30; £4.20, £2.30. Ex: £87.40. Trifecta: £210. CF: £71.98.

6.45: 1 NORHAM T P Queally (8-1); **2 Eighth Immortal** (10-11 fav); **3 Shemiyla Star** (4-1). 12 ran. 1¼l; 1¼l. Adam Kirby. T: £9; £2.50, £1.10, £1.50. Ex: £21.60. Trifecta: £66.90. CF: £15.59. NR: Starlight Bay.

7.15: 1 TIMELY AFFAIR Taylor Fisher (9-2); **2 Daring Legend** (8-1); **3 Lady Manzor** (4-1). 6 ran (Madame De Sevigne 9-4 fav). nk; 1¼l. W Knight. T: £5.50; £2.30, £3.60. Ex: £47.70. Tricast: £153.38. Trifecta: £112.30. CF: £37.96. NR: Arctician, Moon Beginnings.

7.45: 1 WHAT A TAHOO E Tindall (5-1); **2 Roman Spring** (9-2); **3 Recon Mission** (9-2). 8 ran (Harry Brown 15-8 fav). ½l; 1l. R & P Fahey. T: £6; £1.90, £1.50, £1.60. Ex: £34.50. Tricast: £109.36. Trifecta: £169. CF: £28.01.

PLACEPOT: £172.40
QUADPOT: £58.40

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4.18: 1 DONTLOOKANYFURTHER J Hart (14-1); **2 Don't Stop Movin** (2-1 jtfav); **3 Callisterra** (5-1). 12 ran (On Golden Pond 2-1 jtfav). ¾l; 2l. J & S Quinn. T: £17.20; £4.10, £1.60, £1.40. Ex: £65.40. Trifecta: £339.60. CF: £42.27.

4.50: 1 AMANTHA C Beasley (9-4); **2 Hope Of Acklam** (11-1); **3 Bigalo** (10-11 fav). 11 ran. nk; 1¾l. B Ellison. T: £3.30; £1.10, £2.20, £1.20. Ex: £24. Trifecta: £51.30. CF: £26.16.

5.25: 1 RAJAPOUR B Garritty (4-1); **2 Substance** (25-1); **3 Queen Tamara** (11-4 fav). 10 ran. 1¾l; ½l. D O'Meara. T: £5; £2.20, £6.30, £1.70. Ex: £101.70. Tricast: £325.68. Trifecta: £658.50. CF: £106.01.

6.00: 1 WOODLEIGH O McSweeney (7-1); **2 Fille Imbassee** (10-1); **3 Bay Dream Believer** (9-1). 9 ran (Mudita 10-3 jtfav, Poppeye 10-3 jtfav). ½l; shd. Roger Fell. T: £8; £2.20, £2.90, £2.70. Ex: £62.90. Tricast: £640.59. Trifecta: £451.60. CF: £75.67.

6.30: 1 COSMOS RAJ B Garritty (20-1); **2 Sweet Kiss** (4-1); **3 Chesneys Charm** (5-1). 8 ran (Always Blue 9-4 fav). ns; 2l. D O'Meara. T: £21; £4.30, £1.60, £1.80. Ex: £103.20. Tricast: £472.17. Trifecta: £704.90. CF: £98.09. NR: Adiada.

7.00: 1 MR COOL C Beasley (5-1); **2 Spirit Of Applause** (12-1); **3 The Caltonian** (9-2). 11 ran (Ingleby Archie 4-1 fav). ns; 1½l. C Johnston. T: £6; £1.70, £3.50, £2. Ex: £57.30. Tricast: £299.81. Trifecta: £256.60. CF: £65.56.

7.30: 1 COME ON OVER S D Bowen (25-1); **2 Farandaway** (2-1 fav); **3 Bonnie's Boy** (3-1). 8 ran. 2¼l; nk. D O'Meara. T: £26; £3.40, £1.30, £1.50. Ex: £107. Tricast: £205.85. Trifecta: £498.20. CF: £77.24. NR: Cairdeas, Speeding Bullet.

8.00: 1 HURSTWOOD B Garritty (20-1); **2 Ziva's Star** (66-1); **3 Stormy Pearl** (14-1); **4 Night Emperor** (7-2 fav). 16 ran. 2¼l; 1¼l; shd. P Niven. T: £21; £3.70, £14.90, £3.10, £1.70. Ex: £2366.70. Tricast: £9024.28. Trifecta: Not won. CF: £1020.03. NR: Battenburg Belle, Heathers Feather, Little Beck Annie, Multaneighttothree.

PLACEPOT: £83.70
QUADPOT: £42.80

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PRIME VIEWING . . . ace Dewsbury-Hall lashes in the Everton opener — sparking joy for watching PM Burnham (above, right) and Toffees icon Reid (above, middle)

Kier stormer in front of Burnham

KDH GETS PM'S VOTE AFTER CRACKER

Everton.....2
Crystal Palace.....0

By KEN LAWRENCE

KIERNAN DEWSBURY-HALL'S stunning goal got Andy Burnham off his seat — after he backed under-fire Everton boss David Moyes.

The Toffees-supporting Prime Minister swapped his usual spot in Hill Dickinson's South Stand for one next to the directors' box to watch an opening-day 2-0 victory over Crystal Palace.

Burnham, flanked by wife Frankie and Everton legend Peter Reid, was all smiles after showing support for Moyes, saying: "David knows what he's doing."

Before attending the Premier League clash, Burnham spoke while on a visit to Wigan and Leigh Hospice in his Makerfield constituency.

Moyes went into the game having been told via Toffees CEO Angus Kinnear that owners The Friedkin Group felt last season had been a failure.

But upbeat Burnham, asked about Everton's prospects for this campaign, declared: "I think that there'll be progress — top ten and a cup run, so

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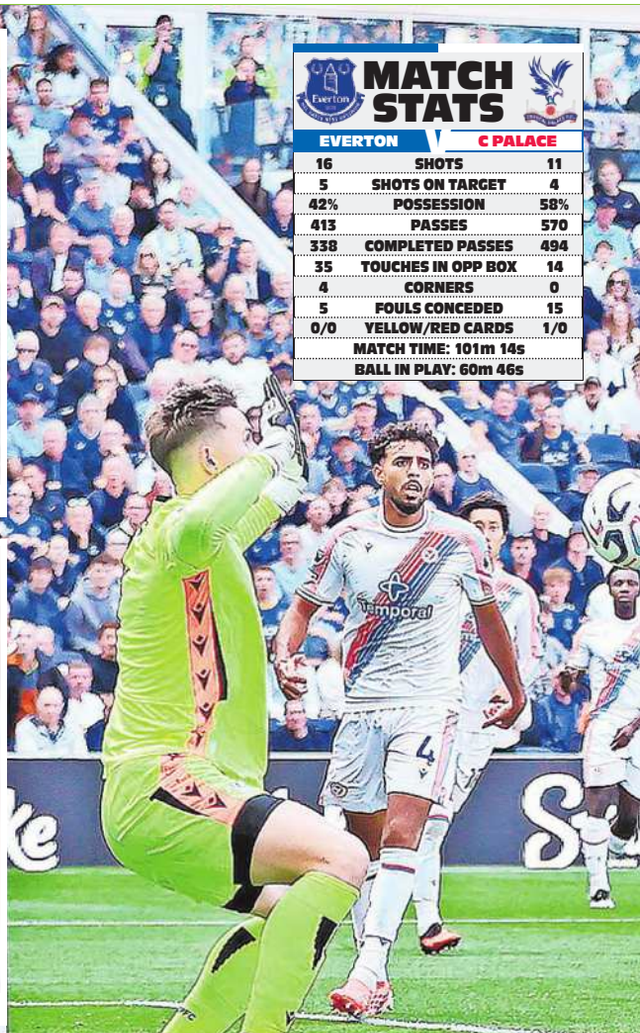
PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Brentford	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Everton	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Hull	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Ipswich	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Leeds	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Bournemouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aston Villa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brighton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chelsea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fulham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liverpool	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Man City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newcastle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sunderland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Nottm Forest	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Crystal Palace	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Man Utd	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Coventry	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Tottenham	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

RIAD BLOW . . . Palace defender is carried off on a stretcher in the 72nd minute

KIER CHARMER . . . Dewsbury-Hall takes the plaudits after his opening goal



MATCH STATS

EVERTON		C PALACE
16	SHOTS	11
5	SHOTS ON TARGET	4
42%	POSSESSION	58%
413	PASSES	570
338	COMPLETED PASSES	494
35	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	14
4	CORNERS	0
5	FOULS CONCEDED	15
0/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	1/0

MATCH TIME: 101m 14s

BALL IN PLAY: 60m 46s

KIER

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here you go — that's my prediction."

Moyes, in the final year of his contract, could have been looking at a crisis only one game in after being undermined by Kinnear, who announced in midweek that the US hierarchy were unhappy with how last season ended.

Instead, goals from Dewsbury-Hall and Thierno Barry provided victory as Moyes' players said "Yes, Prime Minister" to Burnham's optimistic outlook.

The PM — who took over from Kier Starmer last month — got to his feet and punched the air after Dewsbury-Hall's 42nd-minute opener.

Moyes, 63, was just as pleased, though he accepted that England No1 Jordan Pickford paved the way for the win with a sensational stop from Eddie Nketiah.

He said: "We could have easily been a couple goals down. The goalkeeper made a worldie save. "But the first goal settled us."

The Scot also hailed the contributions of homegrown prospect Harrison Armstrong and new arrival Tyrique George.

He stressed: "Harrison is only 19. If other people were fit, he might not be getting such an opportunity, but he did really well. "And Tyrique looked a threat from the start."

New Palace chief Pierre Sage's day was made worse after Chadi Riad was helped off in tears after suffering a left leg injury.

He spent 430 days out after tearing an ACL in 2025 and fellow centre-back Chris Richards said: "We will rally around him. This season is for Chadi."

Sage added: "The first half should put us ahead but we did not score, then made mistakes."

SENEGALESE star Iliman Ndiaye (right) has more Prem goal involvements for Everton than any other player since his first season with the club in 2024-25 (19 — 15 goals, 4 assists).

GOLDEN

Dewsbury-Hall & Barry seal

By KEN LAWRENCE

DAVID MOYES enjoyed the sweetest of wins as Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall and Thierno Barry lifted his blues.

The Everton boss went into the clash having had his work tainted by club CEO Angus Kinnear, who declared that last season had been a "failure" in the eyes of owners The Friedkin Group.

True enough, Moyes' side slumped in their last seven games of the campaign, drawing three and losing four to give up the European place that had been theirs for the taking.

Yet the Scot was rightly indignant over what was almost an outright insult, given that the season before he had returned to save the Toffees from relegation.

Then, with hardly the strongest Premier League squad, had at least made a decent fist of a continental challenge.

When Moyes said that he was "surprised" at the comments, he was only being polite. But having been roundly backed by lifetime Evertonian Andy Burnham before this game — "David knows what he is doing" said the Prime Minister — he was able to stick those harsh words down the throats of the Toffees hierarchy.

Not that it was plain sailing. Moyes *(right)* — and his side dodged a few bullets, one particularly badly misfired by Palace frontman Jean-Philippe Mateta with the scores level.

Yet as Burnham celebrated in the main stand, so, too, did the 63-year-old down on the touchline after KDH and Barry bagged the goals that made Burnham's pledge look like a real vote-winner around the Hill Dickinson. Mateta will have headed south mad at himself as he might have sent the Eagles soaring after only three minutes, moving onto Eddie Nketiah's good touch but firing clumsily over the bar from 14 yards.

Everton.....2
Dewsbury-Hall 42; Barry 53
C Palace.....0

In a bright opening, the home side nearly broke the deadlock when midfielder Merlin Rohl — in a right-back role — set up Iliman Ndiaye.

The Senegal international's strike was parried well by Dean Henderson while, at the other end, Everton keeper Jordan Pickford pulled off stunning save.

Palace playmaker Adam Wharton sent forward a brilliant deep pass for the unmarked Nketiah, who connected with a fine right-footer.

The former Arsenal striker was convinced he had hit the net — but England No1 Pickford *(right)* reacted sensationally to push the strike on to his left-hand post.

Opening day of the campaign or not, it may well be difficult to see a better save in the whole season to come.

Palace were minus last season's 21-goal top scorer Ismaila Sarr – left behind in South London amid speculation that he could be moving to Turkish giants Galatasaray.

But the Eagles still looked sharp, with former Toffee Dwight McNeil enjoying his debut, at least at first, after the swap with Brennan Johnson that valued both wide men at £20million.

Yet after that early fright, Everton showed some more attacking intent themselves.

Moyes gave £14.5m midfielder Hayden Hackney his debut after buying him from Championship Middlesbrough — and he looked settled immediately.

So, too, did Tyrique George, back for £18m from Chelsea after

TOP THIER . . . Barry leaps to head home Ndiaye's superb cross and make it 2-0

MOYES
a sweet victory for David

spending the second half of last season on loan at Hill Dickinson.

His work down the left was a major concern for new Palace manager Pierre Sage – and the 20-year-old almost bagged the opener when his neat shot flew just wide of the target.

For the majority of the first half Palace, very much playing front-foot football like they did under Sage's predecessor Oliver Glasner, were good to watch – but also extremely wasteful.

Having blown that early golden opportunity, Mateta moved on to another slick pass from Nketiah.

This time he had Pickford at his mercy – yet still slid his shot on to that same left-hand upright.

Soon after, he and his team-mates paid the price for what was a terrible miss.

Harrison Armstrong displayed the strength that Moyes believes will make the Scouser a top midfielder as he bushwhacked Daniel Munoz.

The 19-year-old then found Dewsbury-Hall, who took one touch before exploding a fierce left-footed shot beyond the helpless Henderson.

Palace could have been out of sight as the finishing problems of last season returned.

But Burnham could not have cared less as he stood, smiling, to applaud the 42nd-minute strike that flew into the top corner to give his side the lead.

And it only got better for the boss of the country – and the boss of the Toffees.

Ndiaye, so precious to the side and so admired by his club's rivals, had, like George on the opposite flank, been a constant threat – even if Palace had created the better opportunities.

And he showed in the 53rd minute why Moyes is so desperate to keep him at the club with a superb, whipped cross to Barry, who could not miss the target with his header.

Moyes' men were successes – not "failures", while Moyes' opposite number, brought in from Lens, will now be well aware of just how unforgiving the Premier League is.

A fact Chadi Riad already knew all too well.

The Palace defender spent 430 days out after an ACL tear in January, 2025 – and he was helped off in tears yesterday after going down clutching his left leg following a 72nd-minute block on Vitaliy Mykolenko's attempted cross.

HOW THEY LINED UP

EVERTON: Pickford, Rohl, Tarkowski, Branthwaite, Mykolenko, Armstrong, Hackney (Garner 79), Ndiaye, Dewsbury-Hall (Alcaraz 90), George (Johnson 84), Barry (Beto 79).

C PALACE: Henderson, Canvot, Richards, Riad (Tomiyasu 72), Munoz (Khalaili 55), Wharton, Kamada, Mitchell, McNeil (Guessand 63), Nketiah (Pino 55), Mateta (Strand Larsen 63).

THE WEEK AHEAD

(7.45 unless stated)

TODAY

PREMIER LEAGUE

Brighton v Aston Villa 2.0
Man City v Bournemouth 2.0
Newcastle v Liverpool 4.30

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

West Brom v Burnley 12.0

TOMORROW

PREMIER LEAGUE

Fulham v Chelsea 8.0

TUESDAY

CARABAO CUP SECOND ROUND

Barnsley v Crewe .....
Birmingham v Brentford 8.0
Blackburn v Sheff Utd .....
Blackpool v Lincoln City .....
Cambridge Utd v Millwall .....
Cardiff v Norwich 7.0
Doncaster v Middlesbrough . 7.30
Fleetwood Town v Shrewsbury ..
Ipswich v Leicester .....
Nottm Forest v Leeds 8.0
Plymouth v Coventry .....
Sheff Wed v Wolves .....
Southampton v West Ham .....
Stevenage v Reading .....
Stoke v Hull .....
Walsall v Leyton Orient .....
Watford v Peterborough .....

UEFA CHAMPIONS LGE PLAY-OFF SECOND LEG - Bodo/Glimt (3) v NEC (1) (8.0), LASK (0) v Celtic (3) (8.0), Sabah Baku (1) v Hapoel Beer Sheva (2) (5.45).

VERTU TROPHY SOUTHERN GROUP C - Bristol Rovers v Chelsea U21 (7.0).

KDM EVOLUTION TROPHY - LEAGUE PHASE - Airdrieonians v Stirling, Alloa v Motherwell U21, Annan Athletic v Berwick, Bonnyrigg Rose v Rangers U21, Clachnacuddin v Elgin, Cove Rangers v Dundee Utd U21, Cowdenbeath v East Kilbride, Cumbernauld Colts v Kilmarnock U21, Dumbarton v Celtic U21, East Fife v St Mirren U21, Forfar v Formartine United, Fraserburgh v Aberdeen U21, Hamilton v Edinburgh City, Kelty Hearts v Clydebank, Montrose v Clyde, Peterhead v Dundee U21, Queen of South v Hibernian U21, Ross County v Banks ODee, Spartans v Hearts U21, Stranraer v Gala Fairydean.

NORTHERN PREMIER - Alfreton Tn v Hyde Utd, Ashton Utd v Ilkeston Tn, Bamber Bridge v FC United of Manchester, Bury FC v Lancaster City, Cleethorpes Tn v Whitby Tn, Guiseley v Stockton Tn, Quorn v Gainsborough Trinity, Redcar Athletic v Emley AFC, Warrington Tn v Curzon Ashton, Workington v Warrington Rylands.

WEDNESDAY

CARABAO CUP SECOND ROUND

Bradford v Burnley .....
Newcastle v West Brom .....
Preston v Everton 8.0
Tottenham v Charlton .....

UEFA CHAMPIONS LGE PLAY-OFF SECOND LEG - AEK Athens (0) v Levski Sofia (0) (8.0), CM Celje (1) v S Bratislava (1) (8.0), Lyon (1) v Fenerbahce (1) (8.0), Viking FK (2) v Dinamo Zagreb (2) (8.0).

CONFERENCE LEAGUE QUALIFYING PLAY-OFF ROUND SECOND LEG - Rapid Vienna (2) v Hearts (2) (5.45).

NORTHERN PREMIER - AVRO v Leek.

THURSDAY

CARABAO CUP SECOND ROUND

Chelsea v Luton 7.30
Fulham v AFC Wimbledon 8.0

CONFERENCE LEAGUE QUALIFYING PLAY-OFF ROUND SECOND LEG - Brighton (0) v Tromso (0) (7.30), Freiburg (3) v Motherwell (1) (5.45), Hibernian (0) v Gent (0) (8.0), Jablonec (0) v Rangers (1) (5.0), KuPS (1) v Shamrock Rovers (1) (4.0), Larne (2) v Lincoln Red Imps (0) (8.0).

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL - Boreham Wood v Boston Utd.

FRIDAY

PREMIER LEAGUE

Crystal Palace v Man City 8.0

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

Wrexham v Birmingham 8.0

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL - AFC Fylde v Forest Green, Aldershot v Harrogate Tn, Altrincham v FC Halifax, Barrow v Yeovil, Gateshead v Sutton Utd, Hartlepool v Eastleigh, Hornchurch v Woking, Scunthorpe v Solihull Moors, Southend v Kidderminster, Tamworth v Worthing, Wealdstone v Carlisle.

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP - Dunfermline v Raith (7.30).

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE TWO - Edinburgh City v Forfar.

ENTERPRISE NORTH - Hednesford Tn v Harborough Tn, Morecambe v AFC Telford, Oxford City v Buxton.

ISTHMIAN PREMIER - Burgess Hill Tn v Dartford.

NORTHERN PREMIER - Ashton Utd v Gainsborough Trinity, Guiseley v Lancaster City.

SOUTHERN PREMIER CENTRAL - Peterborough Sports v Anstey Nomads.

WELSH PREMIER - Barry Tn United v Airbus UK Broughton, Cardiff Met Uni v Briton Ferry, Connah's Quay Nomads v Cambrian United, Holywell Tn v Caernarfon Tn, Llandudno v Haverfordwest County, Penybont v Flint Tn United, The New Saints FC v Colwyn Bay, Trefelin BGC v Ammanford.

(3.0 unless stated)

SATURDAY

PREMIER LEAGUE

Bournemouth v Everton .....
Coventry v Hull .....
Liverpool v Nottm Forest 12.30
Tottenham v Newcastle 5.30

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

Blackburn v QPR .....
Bolton v Lincoln City .....
Bristol City v Portsmouth .....
Cardiff v Sheff Utd .....
Charlton v Preston .....
Derby v Swansea 12.30
Middlesbro' v West Brom 12.30
Norwich v Burnley .....
Southampton v Millwall .....
Watford v West Ham .....
Wolves v Stoke 12.30

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

Blackpool v Peterborough .. 12.30
Cambridge Utd v Huddersfield ...
Leyton Orient v Barnsley .....
MK Dons v Leicester 12.30
Notts County v Burton Albion .....
Plymouth v Bradford .....
Sheff Wed v Bromley .....
Stevenage v Doncaster .....
Stockport County v Wycombe ....

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

Barnet v Cheltenham 12.30
Colchester v Rochdale .....
Crawley Town v Bristol Rovers ....
Gillingham v Northampton .....
Grimsby v Fleetwood Town .....
Newport County v Tranmere .....
Oldham v Swindon .....
Port Vale v Crewe 12.30
Rotherham v Chesterfield 1.0
Shrewsbury v Salford City .....
Walsall v Accrington .....
York v Exeter .....

WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP

Celtic v Falkirk .....
Hearts v St Johnstone .....
Kilmarnock v Dundee Utd .....

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP - Arbroath v Livingston, Ayr v Morton, Partick v Queen's Park, Stenhousemuir v Inverness CT.

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE ONE - Airdrieonians v East Fife, Alloa v Peterhead, Hamilton v Cove Rangers, Montrose v Queen of South, Ross County v East Kilbride (5.30).

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE TWO - Annan Athl v Dumbarton, Elgin v Stirling, Spartans v Clyde, Stranraer v Kelty Hearts.

ENTERPRISE NORTH - Bedford Tn v Spennymoor Tn, Brackley v South Shields, Darlington v Macclesfield FC, Hebburn Tn v King's Lynn Tn, Hereford FC v Chester FC, Marine v Radcliffe, Merthyr Tn v Chorley, Scarborough Athletic v Southport, Spalding Utd v Worksop Tn.

ENTERPRISE SOUTH - AFC Totton v Chesham Utd, Billericay v Tonbridge Angels, Chelmsford v Maidenhead Utd, Dover v Braintree Tn, Farnborough v Ebbsfleet United, Hemel Hempstead v Weston-S-Mare, Horsham v Farnham Tn, Maidstone Utd v Salisbury FC, Slough v Folkestone Invicta, Torquay v Hampton & Richmond, Truro City v Dag & Red, Walton & Hersham v Dorking Wanderers.

ISTHMIAN PREMIER - AFC Whyteleafe v Cheshunt, Aveley v Lewes, Carshalton Ath v Brentwood Tn, Chatham Tn v Wingate & Finchley, Dulwich v Three Bridges, Eastbourne Borough v Leatherhead, Enfield Town v Whitehawk, Maldon & Tiptree v Cray Wanderers, St Albans v Stanway Rovers, Welling v Ramsgate.

NORTHERN PREMIER - AVRO v Stockton Tn, Alfreton Tn v Warrington Rylands, Bamber Bridge v Hyde Utd, Bury FC v Ilkeston Tn, Cleethorpes Tn v Curzon Ashton, Quorn v Whitby Tn, Redcar Athletic v FC United of Manchester, Warrington Tn v Emley AFC, Workington v Leek Tn.

SOUTHERN PREMIER CENTRAL - Alvechurch v Racing Club Warwick, Banbury Utd v Stourbridge, Bromsgrove Sporting v Bishop's Stortford, Halesowen Tn v Real Bedford, Hitchin Tn v Kettering, Leamington v Worcester City, Leighton Tn v Bury Tn, Leiston v Redditch Utd, Stamford v Rushall Olympic, Stratford Tn v Needham Market.

SOUTHERN PREMIER SOUTH - Bath City v Uxbridge, Bracknell v Sholing, Chertsey v Frome, Chippenham v Berkhamsted , Evesham Utd v Plymouth Parkway, Gosport Borough v Malvern, Hanwell v Chichester City, Havant and W v Gloucester, Poole v Yate, Taunton Tn v Basingstoke, Wimborne v Hanworth Villa.

SUNDAY

PREMIER LEAGUE

Chelsea v Brighton 2.0
Leeds v Brentford 2.0
Man Utd v Ipswich 4.30
Sunderland v Fulham 2.0

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

AFC Wimbledon v Wigan 2.0
Mansfield v Luton .....

WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP

Aberdeen v Rangers 12.0
Dundee v Hibernian .....
St Mirren v Motherwell .....

MONDAY

PREMIER LEAGUE

Aston Villa v Arsenal 8.0

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL - Boston Utd v Hornchurch, Carlisle v Scunthorpe, Eastleigh v Aldershot, Forest Green v Altrincham, Harrogate Tn v Gateshead, Kidderminster v Barrow, Solihull Moors v AFC Fylde, Sutton Utd v Wealdstone, Woking v Southend, Worthing v Boreham Wood, Yeovil v Tamworth.

ENTERPRISE NORTH - AFC Telford v Bedford Tn, Buxton v Merthyr Tn, Chester FC v Morecambe, Chorley v Brackley, Harborough Tn v Marine, King's Lynn Tn v Scarborough Athletic, Macclesfield FC v Hebburn Tn, Radcliffe v Darlington, South Shields v Spalding Utd, Southport v Hereford FC, Spennymoor Tn v Hednesford Tn, Worksop Tn v Oxford City.

ENTERPRISE SOUTH - Braintree Tn v Farnborough, Chesham Utd v Dover, Dag & Red v Slough, Dorking Wanderers v Truro City, Ebbsfleet United v Horsham, Farnham Tn v Torquay, Folkestone Invicta v Hemel Hempstead, Hampton & Richmond v Maidstone Utd, Maidenhead Utd v AFC Totton, Salisbury FC v Billericay, Tonbridge Angels v Walton & Hersham, Weston-S-Mare v Chelmsford.

WELSH PREMIER - Airbus UK Broughton v Holywell (2.30), Ammanford v Cardiff Met (2.30), Briton Ferry v Barry (2.30), Caernarfon v The New Saints FC (2.30), Cambrian v Penybont (2.30), Colwyn Bay v Llandudno (5.15), Flint v Connah's Quay Nomads (2.30), Haverfordwest County v Trefelin BGC (2.30).

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3	SHOTS ON TARGET	4
38%	POSSESSION	62%
325	PASSES	549
258	COMPLETED PASSES	484
21	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	19
3	CORNERS	5
12	FOULS CONCEDED	14
0/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	3/0
	MATCH TIME: 96m 51s	
	BALL IN PLAY: 56m 39s	

TOWN CRIERS

JACK CLARKE became the third Ipswich player to score a 90th min-winner in the PL.

TOWN PLAYERS WITH 90TH-MINUTE PREM WINNERS

- NOV 2000 — Fabian Wilnis (v Coventry) away — W1-0
- DEC 2024 — Jack Taylor (v Wolves) away — W2-1
- AUG 2026 — Jack Clarke (v Sunderland) home — W2-1

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NILSON ANGULO became the first player to score a direct free-kick goal for Sunderland in the Prem since Patrick van Aanholt in May 2016.

LATE SHOW . . . sub Clarke nets the Tractor Boys' winner in the 90th minute

Hit Jackpot

SUPERSUB SPARKS TRACTOR JOY

By IVAN SPECK

SUPERSUB Jack Clarke sent Portman Road into bedlam with a deliciously curled strike against his old side to bag a late victory.

Two years ago, the Tractor Boys dropped 27 points from winning positions, often at home, and slipped back down into the Championship with barely a whimper.

Gary O'Neil's new side are adamant they will not be doing that again this season.

A rip-roaring game that crackled from the first whistle appeared to be destined for a draw which would have brought uncomfortable memories for those in Suffolk.

After new signing Emersonn had scored a debut goal in the 24th minute to match his £24million transfer fee from Toulouse, visitors Sunderland fought back through a stunning Nilson Angulo free-kick.

That paved the way for Clarke to play the hero from the subs' bench, curving the ball into the bottom corner with ice-cool precision in the 90th minute.

Two seasons ago, Ipswich largely stuck with the players who hauled them up from League One in successive seasons, only to discover the step up was too great for most of them.

This summer, led by new manager O'Neil who has no bond to last season's team under Kieran McKenna, they have tried another way. The Sunderland way.

Black Cats boss Regis Le Bris brought in 14 new players to his promotion-winning squad and took them into the Europa League places. So far in this window, Ipswich have signed 12 players, seven of whom were thrust into the opening day line-up.

Two of the new arrivals combined to glorious effect in the 24th minute to send Portman Road wild with delight.

Julio Enciso, who was on loan at the club two seasons ago, sped away from two challenges, hurdling his way past Luke O'Nien before picking out Emersonn, who turned the ball over the line.

The 22-year-old Brazilian fell to his knees in a mixture of delight and relief at starting to repay his hefty transfer fee.

It was another new signing who maintained their lead on the half-hour.

Dutch keeper Kjell Scherpen is the tallest player to ever line up in the Premier League at 6ft 9in. And he had to contort his giant frame inwards to push away a Noah Sadiki header from a free-kick.

Sunderland kept opening up the home defence, with a succession of crosses just evading men in the Elvis-inspired pink shirts.

The Black Cats began to break up the Ipswich play more frequently and carved out promising attacks. And the hosts' luck ran out on 39 minutes after new central defender Issa Diop clumsily fouled Granit Xhaka just outside the area.

The Switzerland star appeared poised to take the free-kick with his left foot.

Instead, it was Angulo who stepped up from the other side to whip his right-footed shot over a static Ipswich wall and in off the underside of the bar.

The equaliser brought a reality check to the home fans, who remember only too well how many times their side led at Portman Road on their last visit to the Premier League, only to succumb later in the game.

O'Neil clearly had no intention of allowing that to happen, sending his team back out supercharged after the interval.

There were openings at either end with Abdul Fatawu twice providing Enciso with chances he was unable to convert.

It did not seem possible that the scoreline would end up at 1-1. Brian Brobbey was his usual combative self – and it took two defenders to charge down his shot following a Reinildo Mandava pass.

But it was left to substitute Clarke *(right)* – who joined the Tractor Boys from Sunderland for £18million in August 2024 – to send Portman Road into raptures.

Ipswich.....2
Emersonn 24; Clarke 90
Sunderland.....1
Angulo 39

HOW THEY LINED UP

IPSWICH: Scherpen, O'Shea, Diop, Greaves, Davis, Nunez (Egeli 80), Lukic, Fatawu (McAteer 66), Maeda (Ouattara 80), Enciso (Clarke 71), Emersonn (Akpom 66).
SUNDERLAND: Roefs, Meunier, Ballard, O'Nien (Alderete 67), Reinildo, Sadiki, Xhaka, Hume (Rigg 80), Le Fee (Diarra 80), Angulo (Talbi 59), Brobbey (Isidor 67).

O'NEIL . . . optimistic

O'Neil's delight at flier

By IVAN SPECK

GARY O'NEIL says the win over Sunderland brought a belief to Ipswich that was lacking in their relegation season two seasons ago.

Sub Jack Clarke's late strike earned the hosts a 2-1 victory in O'Neil's first game as Kieran McKenna's successor.

The Tractor Boys boss said: "Winning on day one is so important.

"I think it was November before they got their first Premier League win two years ago. So to be up and running this time is where we want to be.

"I am especially pleased for the players who were here two years ago and who had that pressure.

"But there are a lot more tests for us coming up thick and fast.

"Today's win is not going to do anything for us unless we're ready to go again in the cup against Leicester in midweek and then at Old Trafford next weekend."

The Black Cats were the surprise success story last season, qualifying for the Europa League after going up through the play-offs.

But a much tougher campaign could lie in wait this time.

Boss Regis Le Bris bemoaned a lack of clinical edge, apart from a stunning Nilson Angulo free-kick.

The French gaffer said: "The result is a bit cruel as we dominated the ball — but dominating possession doesn't mean you win the game.

"Ipswich were well organised and ready to exploit our turnovers. Now it is about us, we have to show more composure.

"We created chances but it's a shame we were not clinical enough to score more than we did.

"We were in control when we made mistakes for Ipswich's two goals.

"It's not easy to create composure and calmness on the ball early in the season. We found that out last season, too.

"Our goal was nice and I am happy for Nilson — but it is still a defeat."

STACH IN BUSINESS

Free-kick stuns Sels and Glasner

Nottm Forest..0
Leeds.....1
Stach 88

By DAN KING

JUST when it seemed the long battle against relegation had begun with a whimper, Leeds ended the game with a bang.

Anton Stach's late free-kick beat Forest goalkeeper Matz Sels at his near post and Oliver Glasner's reign at the City Ground got off to the worst possible start.

Glasner's side had not done enough to deserve to win, despite going closest to breaking the deadlock before Stach's intervention.

But defeat was also harsh on them.

Both of these clubs will be hoping for more than a repeat of last season's basement scrap.

Forest are said to be hopeful Glasner is a "keeper", after struggling under three permanent head coaches last season and then letting go a fourth, Vitor Pereira, despite him keeping them up.

Leeds had survived more comfortably and given Daniel Farke some interesting new recruits.

Club record-signing James Trafford between the sticks, big-money defender Tarik Muharemovic and astute free transfer Harry Wilson, a tricky Welsh winger from Fulham, all made their debuts.

But it was mostly the same old story, with each side lacking that cutting edge.

The late great Brian Clough, who twice led Forest to European Cup glory after lasting just 44 days as Leeds boss, would have been less than impressed by the poor first half in particular.

Even though the hosts could have gone into the break two goals ahead.

The stalemate and lack of quality should really not have been a surprise.

The teams which finished 14th and 16th in May lined up in 3-4-2-1 formations that were only too eager to collapse into back fives.

Neither side could string many passes together.

So the best chance of a glimmer of an opening was the long throws Ola Aina was launching for the home team, and Ethan Ampadu for the visitors.

Accordingly, an Aina bomb dropped into the Leeds box in the 17th minute and Brazil striker Igor Jesus connected well with a header.

But Trafford made a save that was good yet no more than you would expect from a £40m stopper.

Soon Aina was adding more spice with a lunge on James Justin which earned a yellow card from referee Robert Jones and escaped a red on VAR review. Leeds produced the best bit – the only bit – of quality.

A fine move ended with Jayden Bogle crossing and the lively Wilson side-footing into the net. But the former Cottager had been offside.

Towards the end of the half, Forest midfielder James McAtee had another chance to cross after his corner was cleared and found the head of Nikola Milenkovic.

The 6ft 5in Serbian centre-back's glanced effort came back off Trafford's right-hand post.

Both sides, but especially Leeds, needed to do much more going forward.

Brenden Aaronson at least kept Sels honest just after the break, while the disappointing Dominic Calvert-Lewin – supposedly angling for a turn as Harry Kane's understudy for England according to his gaffer – and Stach were off target.

At the other end, Jesus' header down from an Aina cross cleared the crossbar. Glasner summoned big Chris Wood from the bench just after the hour and the 6ft 3in Kiwi soon had a chance, only to drag his shot wide.

Sels produced the save of the match with 20 minutes left, denying Leeds centre-back Muharemovic by acrobatically pushing away his header from a Noah Okafor cross.

Glasner turned to a couple of his own summer signings, Luca Netz and Xaver Schlager, with just over 15 minutes to go.

As a wing-back and central midfielder, they hardly signalled "Let's go for it".

Forest enjoyed the bulk of territory and possession without really making Trafford work – whereas Stach ruined Sels' afternoon at the other end right at the death.

HOW THEY LINED UP

N FOREST: Sels, Murillo (Kalimuendo 90), Milenkovic, Jair Cunha, N Williams, Sangare, McAtee (Schlager 74), Aina (Netz 74), Gibbs-White, Ndoye (Wood 62), Jesus.
LEEDS: Trafford, Muharemovic, Bijol, Rodon, Justin, Ampadu, Stach, Bogle, Aaronson (Longstaff 82), Wilson (Okafor 66), Calvert-Lewin.

BRIGHT WHITES . . . Stach and Co celebrate clincher

LEED-ING MAN . . . Germany international Anton Stach's late free-kick winner sneaks past Forest goalkeeper Matz Sels at his near post

FARKE . . . away win

Anton is cooking for Farke

By DAN KING

DANIEL FARKE hailed his burger king Anton Stach after he served up a set-piece special to deliver an opening-day win.

The German midfielder launched a Moustachi cheeseburger at a Leeds restaurant last week, in aid of a children's charity in Senegal.

And his free-kick two minutes from time allowed Leeds to dine out on an away-day success.

Stach, 27, scored four goals direct from set-pieces last season and Farke said: "He's done it time and time again.

"I trust him in everything. He has even released a burger right now and I never expected him to do this. He's a bit of a weird and crazy guy.

"And because of that, I expected also when he was over the free-kick that he could do something special.

"But again, also this game today was proof that we won't win anything just with individual quality.

"It was important to show spirit, togetherness, to dig in, to grind out a result, to work for each other.

"And of course, then we have players also who can make the difference and Anton is one of them and we're happy to have him."

New Nottingham Forest boss Oliver Glasner warned his team about Stach's dead-ball skills — but the Austrian was also unhappy with the sluggish defending leading to conceding the free-kick.

He said: "We did enough to win but everybody felt one situation will decide it.

"I told the players before the game I expected whoever wins the set-piece battle will win the game.

"And it was one set-piece — unfortunately — on the Leeds side, that decided it for them.

"We could have done better, especially before when it was a throw-in.

"And if you make two mistakes in the Premier League, you get punished."

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CITY GROUND ATTENDANCE 30,739

MATCH STATS

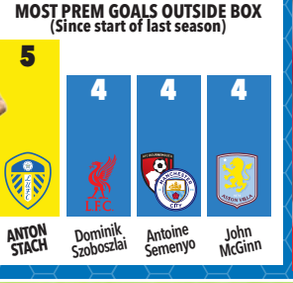
NOTTM FOREST		LEEDS
12	SHOTS	11
2	SHOTS ON TARGET	3
55%	POSSESSION	45%
392	PASSES	325
307	COMPLETED PASSES	231
22	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	15
3	CORNERS	2
15	FOULS CONCEDED	14
2/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	1/0

MATCH TIME: 95m 21s
BALL IN PLAY: 46m 59s

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

ANTON STACH has scored more Premier League goals from outside the penalty area than any other player since the start of last season (5) — while no player has more goals from direct free-kicks in that time than his four.

MOST PREM GOALS OUTSIDE BOX (Since start of last season)



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LEEDS have won five of their last eight Prem games, with only Arsenal (18) collecting more PL points since start of April (17).

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A WORLD AWAY

INCLUDING the end of last season, Charlton won for only the second time in eight away league games yesterday.

However, they have lost just once in that period!

Oddly, the Addicks remained unbeaten against sides relegated from the Premier League the previous season.

ADDICKS' LAST EIGHT AWAY LEAGUE GAMES

Feb 21	Southampton	D 1-1
Feb 24	West Brom	D 1-1
Mar 11	Middlesbrough	W 1-0
Mar 14	Oxford	D 1-1
Apr 6	Watford	D 1-1
Apr 18	Sheff Wed	D 0-0
May 2	Swansea	L 3-1
Aug 22	West Ham	W 2-1

CHARLTON'S LAST 8 AWAY

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2	5	1	8	8

SPOT OF TROUBLE

WEST HAM had converted their previous TEN spot-kicks before Taty Castellanos' miss. And three of those ten had been scored by Jarrod Bowen — who was on the pitch yesterday!

WEST HAM'S LAST 11 PENALTIES

Jan 21, 24	J Ward-Prowse v	Prem	✓
Feb 2, 24	J Ward-Prowse v	Prem	✓
Apr 6, 24	L Paqueta v	Prem	✓
Aug 17, 24	L Paqueta v	Prem	✓
Oct 27, 24	J Bowen v	Prem	✓
Dec 16, 24	L Paqueta v	Prem	✓
Aug 31, 25	L Paqueta v	Prem	✓
Dec 30, 25	L Paqueta v	Prem	✓
Jan 24, 26	J Bowen v	Prem	✓
Mar 9, 26	J Bowen v	FAC	✓
Aug 22, 26	T Castellanos v	CH'SHIP	✗

TWO of the four instances of a Derby player both scoring and assisting in a league match in 2026 have come courtesy of Bobby Clark, achieving the feat yesterday v Cardiff City and v Bristol City back in January.

CLARET

Hammers jeered as Addick

By JUSTIN ALLEN

WEST HAM were booed off as they produced a stinker in front of a sell-out, Championship record 62,500 crowd at London Stadium.

The Irons were stunned by a Lloyd Jones bicycle kick after just seven minutes before Tyreece Campbell added a second 11 minutes after the break.

Joel Piroe pulled one back on his debut — after signing on loan from Leeds — with 16 minutes left.

But Taty Castellanos wasted a golden chance to snatch a point as he struck the post with a stoppage-time penalty.

Nathan Jones and his Charlton side thoroughly deserved this victory, giving their hosts a harsh lesson on what graft means in the Championship.

West Ham were way too passive apart from the last 20 minutes, when they finally threw the kitchen sink at their London rivals.

West Ham.....1
Charlton.....2

They did not move the ball quickly enough and lacked aggression out of possession throughout a deeply frustrating afternoon.

Their £22million Championship record signing Arne Engels made his debut after signing from Celtic — and was supposed to make the Hammers tick.

But the Belgian gave the ball away far too often.

And it was the same old story at the back for Max Kilman.

The centre-half had another torrid afternoon and was at fault for the opener right out of the blocks.

Sonny Carey hurled a long throw-in into the box, allowing space for Jones to hook an acrobatic effort over Danish keeper Mads Hermansen.

Konstantinos Mavropanos got caught in the lead-up to the second goal — being robbed in possession by Campbell.

But Kilman stood still, giving the Charlton ace time to pick his spot.

Irons boss Nuno Santo said: "We started well but we got punished by a situation. We knew Charlton would create problems.

"It makes it much harder, but we were not accurate enough into the boxes. We have to be better offensively and defensively. We let our 60,000 fans down today. Now we have the training ground to op We need solutions."

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The futures of M Edson Alvarez, M and Soungouto remain unresolved

Manor Solomon on his debut in t with Burnley last was neutralised by Charlton defensive unit.

The Addicks should have much earlier after Kyle was pick-pocketed by Jam Campbell on the flank.

He shifted to Miles Lea

JONES . . . joy

MIS-CAST Taty Caste from the

CANTWELL . . . celebrates

TODD JOB MAN

By GARY CARTER

TONY MOWBRAY revelled as Todd Cantwell's header beat his beloved Middlesbrough.

Jeremy Sarmiento's first Boro goal put the visitors ahead on 12 minutes.

But Andri Gudjohnsen headed in Harry Pickering's corner three minutes into the second half.

And skipper Cantwell buried a diving header past Radek Vitek after Ryan Alebiosu's cross deflected his way six minutes later.

Blackburn manager Mowbray, a Boro legend as a player, said: "We knew we'd have to suffer at times without the ball, you can't stop them having it.

Blackburn.....2
Middlesbrough.....1

"But we found a way and beaten one of the division's best teams."

Boro boss Kim Hellberg admitted: "We were guilty of weak defending and bad positioning. You don't defend properly, you lose. There are lots of things to work on."

KJERRUMGAARD . . . opener

Rattle

By JOHN RICHARDSO

WREXHAM'S Hollywood o know they must once aga into their Tinseltown doll

Ryan Reynolds and Rob henney have spent just £16 this summer and the Red D still looked rattled by C late equaliser on Monday n

Boss Phil Parkinson said: a great chat with Rob and "Hopefully, we can make progress in the last ten d this transfer window."

Watford's 6ft 5in great

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aburn, whose

edge-of-the-box chance struck the bar. Piroe – a former Dutch youth international who now plays for Suriname – struck a powderpuff effort straight at Addicks keeper Arthur Okonkwo.

Castellanos should have levelled on the stroke of half-time when he got on the end of an Ollie Scarles cross but headed straight at Okonkwo when unmarked.

The Irons were booed off at the break and Nuno made a change by bringing on Lewis Orford for Mo Kante.

West Ham thought they had scored four minutes into the second half when Jarrod Bowen chipped to the far post and Jones sliced a clearance past his own keeper.

But ref Andrew Kitchen had already blown up for a Danny McNamara foul on Solomon.

England winger Bowen also saw a deflected effort flash over and, from the resulting corner by Engels, Castellanos nodded straight at Okonkwo.

And then came the second Charlton goal – and finally West Ham showed more urgency.

Piroe saw a curling effort kept out by Okonkwo before McNamara cleared.

Castellanos again headed wide unmarked from another Scarles cross.

Nuno threw on Joel Veltman and Divine Mukasa for Scarles and Mavropanos for the final 20 minutes.

Striker Piroe could only head straight at Okonkwo – on loan from Wrexham and also making his debut – after a lovely cross from Bowen.

But the 6ft lin striker made no mistake moments later when he was there to fire home the rebound after Okonkwo had parried a Castellanos shot. West Ham had their tails up and Okonkwo made a superb save to keep out Bowen.

The Hammers captain was not too far away as he beat three defenders and curled just wide.

Argentina forward Castellanos was booked for diving after he went down with Conor Coventry at close quarters.

But in stoppage time the hosts were awarded a penalty when ex-Hammer Coventry handled an Orford shot.

Yet Castellanos – who was poor for much of the game – struck the right-side post despite sending Okonkwo the wrong way after a stuttering run-up.

Charlton boss Jones said: "This is up there with the best results I've had.

"We were clinical when we had to be and Lloyd's goal was a true striker's finish."

. . . Hammers hitman
ellanos fluffs his lines
spot in injury time

MATCH STATS

WEST HAM		CHARLTON
25	SHOTS	7
9	SHOTS ON TARGET	5
78%	POSSESSION	22%
664	PASSES	191
612	COMPLETED PASSES	124
41	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	17
7	CORNERS	4
9	FOULS CONCEDED	16
2/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	3/0

MATCH TIME: 95m 25s
BALL IN PLAY: 59m 44s

OUTRAGEOUS . . . Ballard nets with a superb backheel

Spot-on Gray saves Brum

Birmingham.....2 Bristol City.....2

SUB Demarai Gray coolly rescued a point at the death to deny Bristol City victory.

By TIM NASH

Ex-Everton winger Gray, 30, netted from the spot in the fifth minute of added time after a handball in a crowded box.

And Birmingham will feel justice was done after they were controversially denied an 88th-minute equaliser.

Jhon Solis steered in Alex Cochrane's corner but it was ruled offside.

Brum chief Chris Davies said: "I was furious and in disbelief to have that goal disallowed from Jhon for some involvement on the goalkeeper.

"I just don't see it and I don't think they even appealed for it.

"It was a poor decision and that would have been very painful to take.

"For our penalty, we forced an error – a handball in a melee. It was a penalty we deserved."

Bristol City boss Michael Skubala said of Brum's penalty leveller: "The linesman gave it for a handball from Jason Knight and yet Rob Atkinson headed the ball. It was a crazy decision.

"The ref has two angles – his and the linesman's – and the decision was not right.

"It was a frustrating afternoon because we did enough to win.

"The one (Solis) before was offside, so he got that one right."

Scott Twine had fired home to give the visitors a 33rd-minute lead after his own blocked header came back to him.

They conceded on 42 minutes when Carlos Vicente's volley struck a post and went in off keeper Sam Tickle's back.

Blues keeper James Beadle denied Twine with a low save on 54 minutes while Robins' Lorent Tolaj somehow nodded wide from two yards out.

Beadle palmed away Jed Wallace's piledriver before he was beaten by Dom Ballard's outrageous backheeled flick into the top corner on 85 minutes.

But then came the late drama as Gray levelled it up.

Tonda rings alarm Bellis

Southampton.....3 Stoke.....1

By GRAHAM NICKLESS

TAYLOR HARWOOD-BELLIS looks set to quit St Mary's after missing this morale-boosting win.

Aston Villa have had an £18million offer knocked back for the classy defender, 24, but are certain to return with another bid.

And after leaving THB out of his squad, Southampton's Spygate boss Tonda Eckert said: "The player loves the club and his team-mates so much.

"But you have offers coming in and have some thoughts about how it is to play Champions League football. If you find yourself in that position, it's not easy. So we put our full trust into the boys that were on the pitch – and they paid that back."

Cyle Larin fired Saints ahead after eight minutes but Ethan Galbraith took advantage of some sloppy defending to level.

On-loan Manchester City forward Divin Mubama came off the bench to make it 2-1 on 89 minutes.

And three minutes into injury time, Potters sub Svante Ingelsson was sent off for felling Samuel Edozie, with Ryan Manning netting the penalty.

Stoke chief Mark Robins groaned: "We were good in the first half and that's how I want us to play but we lost energy."

LARIN . . . hit Saints' opener

e the Tins

Wrexham.....1
Watford.....1

Luca Kjerrumgaard headed them into a 14th-minute lead.

But the hosts were level eight minutes later through new-boy Danny Imray, a £5m signing from Crystal Palace.

Hornets chief Alessio Dionisi admitted: "It was difficult because Wrexham are a good team.

"In the first half we played well and in the second half we stayed calm and compact."

MAKE A POINT . . . Morris hails his goal

STRIFE OF BRIAN

Derby.....2
Cardiff.....2

By GRAHAM HILL

CARDIFF boss Brian Barry-Murphy hailed his makeshift defence — after he had NO fit centre-backs.

The injury-hit Bluebirds claimed a point at Pride Park with first-half goals from Cian Ashford and last season's top scorer Yousef Salech.

But they twice let the lead slip as Carlton Morris and Bobby Clark replied in a wide-open 50 minutes.

Barry-Murphy was forced to pair full-backs Perry Ng and Joel Bagan in the centre of his back four.

And the boss said: "They stepped inside and did a great job. The open start made me uneasy but I liked the way we established our game."

Ashford slotted City's opener but Clark combined with Morris to net. Salech put Cardiff ahead again but Clark rifled a 49th-minute leveller.

Rams boss John Eustace said: "The two goals we conceded are just not at the level required — and that's two games in a row now."

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TAIR IT UP . . . Arconte (right) celebrates

Tairyk talks Lions' lingo

Millwall.....3
Norwich.....0

By ANDREW DILLON

TAIRYK ARCONTE can barely speak English but is fluent in a language Millwall fans understand — goals.

The Guadeloupe international scored twice on his home debut to light up The Den as the in-form Lions became the early Championship pacesetters.

Arconte cost around £3million from French Ligue 2 side FC Rodez this summer, to follow in the footsteps of midfielder Derek Mazou-Sacko.

His first goal after 19 minutes was testament to his quick reactions, tapping in after Josh Coburn's shot was parried by Norwich keeper Vladan Kovacevik.

The second just before the hour mark was a cracking volley from 15 yards that had the crowd on its feet.

And fans rose again for an ovation when the new boy was substituted with 19 minutes left.

Luke Cundle rounded everything off with Millwall's third in the 84th minute.

Lions boss Alex Neil beamed: "In 20 months, that was the most complete performance since I've been here.

"There should have been more goals. Three-nil or four-nil would have been a fair reflection."

And Neil was full of praise for two-goal hero Arconte, saying: "He is a threat. He wants to score goals and get in between the boxes.

"He still has a lot to learn. He doesn't speak a lot of English, so some of the lads like Casper De Norre and Camiel Neghli can all speak French and they are translating.

"Derek is even helping out – but six months ago he could barely speak a word of English."

Millwall also hit the post as they ran abject City ragged – and Canaries boss Philippe Clement offered no excuses.

His day was made even worse when defender Jose Cordoba was sent off in the 64th minute for a second booking.

Clement said: "We were bullied in the first half and it could have been more.

"Maybe there's been too much positivity around this team in the past couple of seasons. This is a big wake-up call."

LOPEZ PEIX A PUNCH

Cesar hails Fer's one-two

Preston.....1
Wolves.....3

By SIMON YAFFE

FER LOPEZ was anything but fer-gotten as he hit a brace to claim Wolves' first league victory of the campaign.

The Spaniard, who spent the second half of last season on loan at Celta Vigo, produced an impressive performance as Wolves recorded a first away league win for 16 months.

Lopez scored either side of Adam Armstrong's goal against dismal Preston, who have now lost both of their opening Championship games.

Wanderers boss Cesar Peixoto said: "Fer put in an amazing performance and his challenge is to keep showing his qualities.

"We managed the pressure well, especially in the second half, and we could have scored more.

"We all know how tough the Championship is, so it is important to keep getting points."

The visitors went in front on eight minutes.

Andre raced forward and sent it in for Lopez, who crashed it into the top corner from the edge of the box.

The 22-year-old was at the heart of the action minutes later, too.

The forward cut inside to find Mateus Mane, whose shot was blocked by goalkeeper Daniel Iversen, with Marshall Munetsi dragging the follow-up wide.

Wanderers were running riot and so nearly doubled their lead on 14 minutes after Jackson Tchatchoua found the returning Raul Jimenez – but the Mexico star saw his swirling shot fizz past the post.

Preston's first effort on goal, on 29 minutes, saw captain Alistair McCann receive the ball and send a rocket in which was deflected behind by Munetsi.

And from the resulting corner, the visitors scrambled to head Callum Lang's effort off the line.

Then, in the fourth minute of first-half stoppage time, Rodrigo Gomes' thunderous shot was tipped away by Iversen.

Lilywhites defender Jordan Storey headed wide eight minutes after the restart, before the over-worked Iversen was called upon again to parry Mane's effort.

Substitute Armstrong made an immediate impact by netting Wolves' third on 71 minutes.

He played a one-two with Jimenez which ended with him slotting the ball home in front of the visiting supporters.

Lopez put the result beyond doubt with the third 11 minutes later after Tommy Doyle's pass dropped perfectly for him to stroke it home.

Preston bagged a consolation in the first minute of added time through Jordan Thompson's shot from outside the box.

North End boss Paul Heckingbottom, who confirmed talisman forward Milutin Osmajic is on the verge of a move to Italian side Genoa, groaned: "We were much better with the ball in the second half but Wolves made it difficult for us."

UP 'N ADAM . . . Armstrong makes it 2-0 after coming off the bench as two-goal Lopez (inset) gets the plaudits

MATCH STATS

PRESTON		WOLVES
13	SHOTS	16
2	SHOTS ON TARGET	5
45%	POSSESSION	55%
401	PASSES	478
310	COMPLETED PASSES	408
16	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	26
5	CORNERS	4
11	FOULS CONCEDED	10
4/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	1/0
MATCH TIME: 99m 45s		
BALL IN PLAY: 55m 27s		

KAVUMA-McQUEEN

Beauty, Queen

Lincoln.....1
Portsmouth.....3

By PETER OAKES

PORTSMOUTH wonderkid Ryan Kavuma-McQueen taught Lincoln a painful lesson about life in the Championship.

The 17-year-old on-loan winger, one of the gems from Chelsea's academy, opened the scoring only seven minutes into his first start.

Pompey boss John Mousinho believes he is ready to be a regular starter now.

He said: "Ryan's nowhere near being 18 . . . he's come into the first-team environment and did everything we could've wanted.

"Our plan is to send him back as someone who is going to make an impact — and I'm sure he will."

Adrian Segecic doubled the lead less than ten minutes later — only for Lincoln to pull one back.

Zak Swanson was judged to have handled in the box and Reeco Hackett-Fairchild converted from the spot on 32 minutes.

But Ebou Adams came off the bench to make sure of the three points with a 69th-minute strike.

Imps co-boss Tom Shaw admitted: "We're going to have to be better than that to win at this level."

Jack top of stops

QPR.....0
Bolton.....0

By CHARLIE GORDON

JACK BONHAM'S highlight reel of top stops helped Bolton frustrate QPR.

The Hoops had better chances — and far more of them — but Trotters goalkeeper Bonham was in inspired form.

His saves to deny Harvey Vale and Richard Kone were the most eye-catching of the bunch.

Bolton then nearly nicked it at the death when Ryan Hardie came within inches of turning in Kyliane Dong's cross.

Wanderers boast a win and draw from their first two matches back in the Championship following a seven-year exile.

Boss Steven Schumacher said: "I don't like singling out players but I said to Jack in the dressing room — he's a huge reason why we got a point today. He was outstanding."

Hoops manager Julien Stephan felt Koki Saito was denied a clear penalty when challenged by Josh Sheehan in the box.

He said: "Even if we are a little club in the league, we deserve the same decisions as everyone else."

BLANKED . . . Swans chief Matos

Chris' grit escape

By GRAHAM THOMAS

Swansea.....0
Sheffield United.....0

CHRIS WILDER reckons he can build on the grit shown by his Sheffield United troops.

Blades learned in midweek that the club could be docked 12 points over unpaid debts.

Boss Wilder revealed: "I told the players there would be a lot of eyes on us today.

"Their job is to be professional and get on with the job, and they've done that to great effect.

"Hopefully everything will get sorted out as it needs to be. That's something I can't control but we can control their attitude and their togetherness — which you can see is there."

Blades' Callum O'Hare hit the bar while Swansea managed just one shot on target.

Swans boss Vitor Matos wants to add creativity before the transfer window shuts. But he admitted: "It's like a game of chess — but playing in a storm."

ALL TOGETHER NOW . . . Chris Wilder rallies his Sheffield United troops

FOX OFF . . . Oliver Skipp gets a red card from referee Ben Toner as Leicester crash

Skipp a beat

By JAMES SHIELD

RUSSELL MARTIN says Leicester must do some serious soul-searching after one point from two games.

Promotion favourites Foxes were booed off after a deserved defeat by Burton, which also saw Oliver Skipp sent off.

Matthew Dennis and Kgaogelo Chauke put Albion ahead before Skipp saw red for a 29th-minute foul on Curtis Tilt.

Martin moaned: "I hate to say it but one team wanted it during the opening 25 minutes and were hungry. We weren't.

"After that, we were – but we were down to ten men with nothing to lose.

"We have to have some really honest conversations. I take responsibility as a manager, so if I haven't prepared them psychologically well enough, we must look at that. But fundamentals are fundamentals, regardless of how you play."

Leicester.....1
Burton.....2

Wes Burns pulled one back for the hosts just before the break but Albion's grit and determination saw them hang on.

Brewers boss Gary Bowyer said: "I was actually delighted they scored because it gave them an edge and reminded us that it was still a game.

"The lads were fantastic in terms of the way they all pulled together out there."

LEAGUE ONE

Goals leave Wil weary

Luton.....2 Notts County.....2

By GEOFF KNOX

JACK WILSHERE admitted Luton's defending is giving him sleepless nights.

His leaky Hatters team, who are among the bookies' tips for promotion, have shipped **FIVE** goals in their opening two league games.

The former Arsenal and England midfielder revealed to SunSport yesterday he often takes an afternoon nap in a bed at Luton's training ground.

Yet no one at a packed Kenilworth Road could have possibly nodded off in this belter against promoted Notts County.

Although there was a huge scare when Hatters ace Jordan Clark had to be carried off and rushed to hospital after a sickening clash of heads with County's Darius Lipsiuc, which suspended play after just nine minutes.

Nahki Wells *(right)* slotted in a penalty three minutes before half-time after Ollie Cooper handled in the box.

But Martin Paterson's men struck back in first-half stoppage time when Callum Roberts crashed in a 20-yard deflected volley.

Cooper handed the visitors a 61st-minute lead – but Luton sub Callum Marshall levelled with a turn-and-shot seven minutes later.

Luton won their opener 4-3 at Reading last week. But a worried Wilshere admitted: "We can't score three goals every game to win. The Reading ones kept me up for three nights.

"We're not going to be the team we want to be now. We'll look different in three months."

County drew last weekend as well against Leicester, now boss Paterson is targeting a first three points against Burton next week.

He said: "We've got the two pars – now we want the birdie.

"You've got to remember our players have come from levels where they're not used to the intense League One crowds."

BON CHANCE . . . Bonis pounces to turn home Chesterfield's early clincher

SALFAGE OP

By RUSSELL STODDART

NEW Salford boss Peter Cklamovski called for calm – despite a horror start to the campaign.

The League Two favourites are pointless after two games and already out of the Carabao Cup.

They were poor for much of this clash with last term's fellow play-off side Chesterfield. And when Ammies keeper Will Norris fumbled a Josh Koroma shot after three minutes, Lee Bonis pounced to tap home what proved to be the winner.

Salford.....0
Chesterfield.....1

Cklamovski said: "We learnt a simple lesson, you can't give goals away like that.

"We did it last week and again today and it wounded our confidence for a bit. You saw the response in terms of how we grew into the game and created chances, including hitting the post twice.

"I am proud of the players for their commitment to keep pushing. We didn't get our rewards but if we keep doing what we're doing then they will come."

Salford's Ben Woodburn and Spireites' Ryan Stirk, from a miscued clearance, both hit the visitors' goal frame late on.

Chesterfield No2 Danny Webber said: "The boys deserve a lot of credit because it was a colossal performance."

LEAGUE TWO

Ollie boys reel 'em in

Swindon.....2 Cheltenham.....1

By MATT TAYLOR

IAN HOLLOWAY likened beating bogey side Cheltenham to a tough day fishing as Swindon finally ended a 14-year home hoodoo against their West Country rivals.

A stunning Aaron Drinan strike was followed by Ollie Clarke's tap-in before Ryan Broom's late cracker gave the visitors hope.

Boss Ollie *(below)* said: "It felt horrendous to try and get it over the line. It felt like the biggest fish we've ever caught and they were going to try and wriggle out the keep net, so I didn't enjoy that side of things.

"But I like the spirit. I like the fight and the feel from the crowd. I like the fact that we were after it and they were after us and it was a derby. And there was lots of good stuff."

Drinan, League's Two top scorer last season, got off to flier by curling in from 20 yards on 17 minutes.

Team-mate Ben Middlemas then let fly from a similar position as the home side turned on the style after last season's heartbreak, slipping out of the top seven in the penultimate weekend after being there since August.

It was 2-0 in the 56th minute when captain Clark jabbed home at the far post from Stephen Negru's flick-on after a throw-in.

Broom slammed into the top corner with a superb half-volley late on but injury-hit Swindon clung on to beat Cheltenham at home for the first time since March 2012.

Visiting boss Steve Cotterill said: "We came here today and stuck them right on the back foot. Swindon's a big club, a great fan base here that get right behind the team.

"We were the ones asking questions all game and got a great goal. I thought we were a better team all round and I definitely don't think we deserved to lose."

Goals

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FASTEST GOALS

PL	K Lewis-Potter	11m 39s
CH	L Jones	6m 5s
L1	M Dennis	4m 46s
L2	H Biggins	14s

LATEST GOALS

PL	J Clarke	89m 39s	L1	J Roberts	97m 13s
CH	D Gray	94m 15s	L2	F Cavegn	98m 26s

PREMIER LEAGUE

BRENTFORD (2) 3 TOTTENHAM (0) 0
Lewis-Potter 12
Janelt 33
Kayode 49
Att 17,180

Brentford: Kelleher, Kayode (Hickey 76), Ajer, Collins, Lewis-Potter, Janelt, Sangare (Damsgaard 76), Ouattara (Anthony 67), Jensen (Yarmolyuk 67), Schade, Thiago (Wilson 83). Subs not used: Valdimarsson, Henry, Pinnock, Schuster. Booked: Janelt.

Tottenham Hotspur: Kinsky, Gray (Udogie 86), van Hecke, Senesi, Robertson, Tonali, Bergvall (Bentancur 46), Moore (Maddison 67), Gallagher (Fernandes 46), Tel, Richarlison (Solanke 68). Subs not used: Dubravka, Danso, Davies, Williams-Barnet. Booked: Gallagher.

EVERTON (1) 2 CRYSTAL PAL (0) 0
Dewsbury-Hall 42
Barry 53
Att 51,820

Everton: Pickford, Rohl, Tarkowski, Branthwaite, Mykolenko, Armstrong, Hackney (Garner 79), Ndiaye, Dewsbury-Hall (Alcaraz 90), George (Johnson 84), Barry (Beto 79). Subs not used: Travers, Patterson, Keane, O'Brien, Dibling.

Crystal Palace: Henderson, Canvot, Richards, Riad (Tomiyasu 73), Munoz (Khalaili 56), Wharton, Kamada, Mitchell, McNeil (Guessand 63), Nketiah (Pino 56), Mateta (Larsen 63). Subs not used: Benitez, Hughes, Sosa, Mingueza. Booked: Kamada.

HULL (2) 2 MAN. UTD (0) 0
Ajayi 17
Mendy 38
Att 24,470

Hull: Tzolakis, Coyle (Drameh 70), Ajayi (McNair 64), Egan, Mendy (Herrington 64), Giles (Targett 85), Belloumi, Crooks, Slater, Stroud (Millar 71), McBurnie. Subs not used: Phillips, Hjerto-Dahl, Dowell, Gourna-Douath. Booked: Crooks, Millar.

Man Utd: Lammens, Mazraoui (Dalot 80), Maguire, Heaven, Shaw, Tielemans (Mainoo 67), Santos (Sesko 67), Mbeumo, Fernandes, Dorgu (Rashford 46), Cunha (Lacey 80). Subs not used: Darlow, Martinez, Zirkzee, Yoro. Booked: Dorgu.

IPSWICH (1) 2 SUNDERLAND (1)1
Emersonn 24
Clarke 90
Att 29,669
Angulo 39

Ipswich: Scherpen, O'Shea, Diop, Greaves, Davis, Nunez (Walle 80), Lukic, Fatawu (McAteer 66), Enciso (Clarke 71), Maeda (Ouattara 81), Emersonn (Akpom 66). Subs not used: Walton, Furlong, Kipre, Humphreys.

Sunderland: Roefs, Meunier, Ballard, O'Nien (Alderete 67), Mandava, Sadiki, Xhaka, Hume (Rigg 80), Le Fee (Diarra 80), Angulo (Talbi 59), Brobbey (Isidor 67). Subs not used: Ellborg, Mundle, Mukiele, Ta Bi. Booked: Angulo, Ballard, O'Nien.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Brentford	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Everton	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Hull	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Ipswich	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Leeds	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Bournemouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aston Villa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brighton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chelsea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fulham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liverpool	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Man City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newcastle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sunderland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Nottm Forest	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Crystal Palace	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Man Utd	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Coventry	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Tottenham	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

NOTTM FOREST (0)0 LEEDS (0) 1
Att 30,739
Stach 88

Nottm Forest: Sels, Jair Cunha, Milenkovic, Murillo (Kalimuendo 90), Aina (Netz 74), McAtee (Schlager 74), Sangare, Williams, Ndoye (Wood 62), Gibbs-White, Igor Jesus. Subs not used: John Victor, Diomande, Hudson-Odoi, Dominguez, Abbott. Booked: Aina, Jair Cunha.

Leeds: Trafford, Rodon, Bijol, Muharemovic, Bogle, Stach, Ampadu, Justin, Wilson (Okafor 66), Aaronson (Longstaff 82), Calvert-Lewin. Subs not used: Lucas Perri, James, Nmecha, Tanaka, Elvedi, Cresswell, Lienou. Booked: Calvert-Lewin.

PLAYED FRIDAY

ARSENAL (2) 3 COVENTRY (0) 0
Havertz 15
Saka 23
Odegaard 49
Att 60,098

Arsenal: Raya, White, Mosquera, Gabriel, Calafiori (Hincapie 81), Lewis-Skelly, Rice (Zubimendi 68), Saka (Madueke 68), Odegaard (Merino 76), Tzolis (Eze 76), Havertz. Subs not used: Arrizabalaga, Gyokeres, Nwaneri, Dowman. Booked: Gabriel.

Coventry: Rushworth, van Ewijk, Thomas, Amenda, Dasilva, Grimes, Tchaouna (Hamer 82), Yirenkyi (Overgaard 62), Onyeka, Thomas-Asante (Rudoni 70), Simms (Awoniyi 70). Subs not used: Wilson, Sakamoto, Kitching, Latibeaudiere, Eccles. Booked: Yirenkyi.

HULL OF A WIN . . . Nobel Mendy puts Tigers 2-0 up

ROUND 1
FIRSTS
The first player to score 100 Premier League goals?
ANSWER:

ROUND 2
WHERE IN THE WORLD?
TEAM: Vasco de Gama
ANSWER:

ROUND 3
ONE TO TEN
Total matches Leicester lost in their title-winning Prem campaign in 2015-16?
ANSWER:

ROUND 4
TEEN SCENE
At 15 years and 181 days, who is the youngest player to play in the Prem?
ANSWER:

ROUND 5
FULL ENGLISH
Last home-grown boss to have won the English top-flight title?
ANSWER:

ROUND 6
FAMOUS GOALS
Opposing keeper for Sadio Mane's record-breaking Prem hat-trick in 2m 56s for Southampton v Aston Villa in May 2015?
ANSWER:

ROUND 7
INTERNATIONAL RESCUE
Most appearances in the Prem by an American player?
ANSWER:

ROUND 8
PLAYED ONE
Freddie Ladapo, Hiram Boateng, Tony Folan, Stuart Massey and Jonathan Benteke all played one Prem game for which PL club?
ANSWER:

ROUND 9
THE LOSERS
1986-87 FA Cup final? (Lost 3-2)
ANSWER:

ROUND 10
ANAGRAMS
Name the player:
DANIKA RELAXES
ANSWER:

ANSWERS ON PAGE XX

YOUR SCORE /10

YOUR RATINGS
10: A* You're a footballing genius
9: A- Excellent score and close to utopia
8: B+ Impressive result, well played
7: B- Hard-working seven, something to build on for next week
6: C Above average, but football knowledge needs attention
5: C- Improvement required
4 or below: D Fail. You have to do better. Starting next Sunday!

CHAMPIONSHIP

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 BRISTOL CITY (1)2
Tickle 42 (og)
Gray 90 (pen)
Twine 33
Ballard 85

Birmingham: Beadle, Samuel (Laird 46), Neumann, Klarer, Cochrane, Iwata, Solis, Vicente (Gray 63), Paik (Roberts 62), Stansfield (Ducksch 85), Priske (Vazquez 79). Subs not used: Allsop, Fry, Lund, Fujimoto. Booked: Roberts, Samuel.

Bristol City: Tickle, Tanner, Dickie, Eissat, Cardines, Knight, Williams (Yah 71), Wallace (Horvat 65), Twine (Greenwood 71), Hirakawa (Atkinson 90), Tolaj (Ballard 65). Subs not used: Collins, Eile, Bell, Jakobsen. Booked: Knight.

BLACKBURN (0) 2 MIDDLESBRO (1) 1
Gudjohnsen 49
Cantwell 55
Sarmiento 12

Blackburn: Toth, Alebiosu, Atcheson, McLoughlin, Pickering, Morsy (Forshaw 69), Montgomery, Morishita (Jorgensen 61), Cantwell (Carter 80), Afolayan (Fevrier 61), Gudjohnsen (Ohashi 69). Subs not used: Pears, Yuri Ribeiro, Tavares, Garrett. Booked: Afolayan, Cantwell, McLoughlin, Morsy.

Middlesbrough: Vitek, Brittain, Ayling, Malanda, Arfsten (Borges 77), Berhalter (Castledine 77), Peart-Harris (McGree 60), Morris, Sarmiento (Joseph 60), Whittaker, Lankshear. Subs not used: Brynn, Jones, Kante, Ibeh, Cartwright. Booked: Lankshear.

DERBY (1) 2 CARDIFF (2) 2
Morris 26
Clark 49
Ashford 19
Salech 39
Att: 28,926

Derby: Zetterstrom, Johnston (Nyambe 88), Sanderson, Langas, Taylor, Travis, Mowatt, Clark, Fraulo (Hedges 64), Blackett-Taylor (Brewster 65), Morris (Salvesen 88). Subs not used: Vickers, Forsyth, Bilbija, Ward, Eames. Booked: Blackett-Taylor, Fraulo, Johnston, Sanderson, Travis.

Cardiff: Trott, Kpakio, Ng, Bagan, Scanlon, Moylan (J Colwill 71), Robertson, Tanner (Davies 71), R Colwill (Turnbull 59), Ashford (Willock 59), Salech. Subs not used: Tyrer, Turner, Tankiewicz, Dafydd Anyadike, Robinson. Booked: Robertson.

LINCOLN CITY (1) 1 PORTSMOUTH (2) 3
Hackett 32 (pen)
Kavuma-McQueen 7
Segecic 16
Adams 69
Att: 10,545

Lincoln City: Wickens, Darikwa (Coubis 55), Hamer, Elerewe, Reach, McGrandles, Varfolomeyev (Bayliss 66), Hackett, House (Melia 75), Jefferies (Street 66), Draper (Olaofe 75). Subs not used: Gauci, Towler, Elder, Konak. Booked: Bayliss, Draper, Hamer.

Portsmouth: Schmid, Devlin, Arthur, Shaughnessy, Swanson, Pack (Knight 86), Shein (Adams 58), Kamara (Brooke-Smith 86), Segecic, Kavuma-McQueen (J Murphy 58 (Milovanovic 77)), Bishop. Subs not used: Bielica, Swift, Bailey, Dia. Booked: Shein.

MILLWALL (1) 3 NORWICH (0) 0
Arconte 18, 58
Cundle 84
Att: 19,564

Millwall: Jensen, Sykes, Taylor, Cooper, Sturge, Neghli, De Norre (Osei-Tutu 86), Metcalfe (Kelly 77), Arconte (Lovelace 71), Coburn (Dykes 78), Lisbie (Cundle 78). Subs not used: Crocombe, Baggott, Batth, Bangura-Williams. Booked: Metcalfe.

Norwich: Kovacevic, Fisher (Stacey 60), Darling, Cordoba, Chrisene, McLean, Field (Mattsson 60), Brooks (Musaba 73), Ben Slimane (Diallo 60), Schwartau (McConville 65), Toure. Subs not used: Grimshaw, Yongwa, Wright, Kvistgaarden. Booked: Cordoba, Darling. Sent-off: Cordoba.

PRESTON (0) 1 WOLVES (1) 3
Thompson 90
Lopez 8, 82
Armstrong 71
Att: 19,301

Preston North End: Iversen, Clarke, Storey, Lindsay (Gibson 65), Hughes, McCann, Leroy (Thompson 75), Devine, Lang (Gryba 76), Burgzorg, Erabi (Small 66). Subs not used: Nicholls, Valentin, Vukcevic, Moran, Nolan. Booked: Clarke, Hughes, Leroy, McCann.

Wolverhampton: Jose Sa, Tchatchoua, Djiga, T Gomes, H Bueno (Wolfe 86), Munetsi (Doyle 67), Andre Trindade (Traore 79), R Gomes (Armstrong 67), Lopez, Mane, Jimenez (James 79). Subs not used: Johnstone, S Bueno, Pedro Lima, Chirewa. Booked: Munetsi.

QPR (0) 0 BOLTON (0) 0

QPR: Charles, Mbengue (Lamptey 62), Dunne, Clarke-Salter, Adamson (Cirkin 62), Vale, Edwards, Poku (Madsen 62), Chair, Saito (Smyth 76), Kone (Burrell 62). Subs not used: Ward, Lloyd, Alemayehu, Varane. Booked: Clarke-Salter.

Bolton: Bonham, Brunt, Forino-Joseph, Famewo (Davies 46), Conway, Sheehan, Erhahon, Larrazabal (Dong 67), McAtee (Hardie 59), Gale (Ilinq-Junior 59), Dalby. Subs not used: Harrington, Watson, Toal, Christie, Ritchie. Booked: Gale, Hardie.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Charlton	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Wolves	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
QPR	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Blackburn	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Watford	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Swansea	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Bolton	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
West Brom	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Portsmouth	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Middlesbrough	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Cardiff	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Wrexham	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Birmingham	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Sheff Utd	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Burnley	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
West Ham	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Derby	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Bristol City	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Lincoln City	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Preston	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Stoke	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Norwich	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Southampton	2	1	0	1	4	3	-1

(Southampton deducted 4 points for breach of EFL regulations)

LEADING SCORERS

Coburn	(Millwall)	2
Chair	(QPR)	2
Flemming	(Burnley)	2
Campbell	(Charlton)	2
Lankshear	(Middlesbrough)	2
Gudjohnsen	(Blackburn)	2
Lopez	(Wolverhampton)	2
Jones	(Charlton)	2
Larin	(Southampton)	2
Arconte	(Millwall)	2

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 STOKE (1) 1
Larin 8
Mubama 89
Manning 90 (pen)
Galbraith 26
Att: 29,185

Southampton: Peretz, Bree, Wood-Gordon, Stephens, Manning, Downes, Matsuki (Bragg 90), Fellows (Edozie 90), Azaz (Akachukwu 90), Scienza (Dobbin 78), Larin (Mubama 78). Subs not used: Long, Quarshie, Welington, Archer. Booked: Bree, Downes, Manning.

Stoke: Johansson, Johnson, Wilmot, Gibson, Bocat (Talovierov 81), Soumare (Rigo 81), Galbraith, Gallagher (Ingelsson 70), Bae, Thomas, Hirst (Bozenik 62). Subs not used: Griffiths, Pearson, Graham, Manhoef, Giani. Booked: Galbraith, Gallagher, Ingelsson, Talovierov. Sent-off: Ingelsson.

SWANSEA (0) 0 SHEFF U (0) 0
Att: 18,032

Swansea: Vigouroux, Lissah, Cabango (Key 67), Welsh, Tymon, Stamenic, Fulton (Stewart 81), Opoku, Just (Widell 67), Yeo (Eom 61), Idah (Vipotnik 61). Subs not used: Fisher, Parente, Walta, Ronald. Booked: Fulton, Lissah.

Sheff Utd: Cooper, Tanganga, McGuinness, McCallum, Rothwell (Riedewald 65), Seriki, Arblaster (Shackleton 90), Peck, Burrows (Norrington-Davies 90), Bamford (Campbell 78), O'Hare. Subs not used: Doherty, Davies, Cannon, Donovan, Baptiste. Booked: Burrows, Tanganga.

WEST HAM (0) 1 CHARLTON (1) 2
Piroe 74
Jones 7
Campbell 56

West Ham: Hermansen, Walker-Peters, Mavropanos (Veltman 70), Kilman, Scarles (Mukasa 71), Bowen, Engels, Kante (Orford 46), Solomon, Piroe, Castellanos. Subs not used: Areola, Ward-Prowse, Lamadrid, Golambeckis, Mayers, Ajala. Booked: Castellanos, Kilman.

Charlton: Okonkwo, McNamara, Jones, Koumetio, Bell, Coventry, Chalobah (Rankin-Costello 77), Ahearne-Grant (Sichenje 78), Carey (Nwamba 66), Campbell, Leaburn (Mbick 70). Subs not used: Brooks, Knibbs, Mesik, Alli, Apter. Booked: Ahearne-Grant, Jones, McNamara.

WREXHAM (1) 1 WATFORD (1) 1
Imray 22
Kjerrumgaard 14
Att: 10,502

Wrexham: Patterson, Vyner, Hyam, Doyle, Imray (Longman 78), Whiteman, O'Brien, Thomason (Cleworth 90), Rathbone (Cadamarteri 70), Broadhead (James 78), Moore (Smith 63). Subs not used: Ward, Scarr, Dobson, Keillor-Dunn. Booked: Broadhead, Whiteman.

Watford: Ravaglia, Traore (Eames 45), Pollock, Keben, Zemura, Bove (Kayembe 67), Kyprianou, Nabizada (Doumbia 67), Bravo, Maamma (Payero 58), Kjerrumgaard (Vata 67). Subs not used: Bachmann, Adu-Poku, Clarridge, Ramirez-Espain.

NON-LEAGUE

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL
Boston Utd 1 Altrincham 0, Carlisle 4 Hornchurch 1, Eastleigh 3 Scunthorpe 2, FC Halifax 4 Tamworth 1, Forest Green 0 Boreham W 3, Harrogate Town 2 Barrow 2, Kidderminster 1 Aldershot 1, Solihull Moors 1 Southend 3, Sutton 2 Hartlepool 1, Woking 3 AFC Fylde 2, Worthing 1 Wealdstone 0, Yeovil 3 Gateshead 0.

ENTERPRISE NORTH
AFC Telford 1 Hednesford 1, Buxton 1 Hebburn 2, Chester FC 1 Spalding Utd 0, Chorley 2 Scarborough Athletic 1, Harborough 4 Darlington 2, King's Lynn 1 Marine 4, Macclesfield FC 2 Brackley 1, Radcliffe 2 Morecambe 1, South Shields 1 Merthyr Town 1, Southport 4 Bedford 1, Spennymoor Town 1 Oxford City 4, Worksop Town 0 Hereford FC 3.

ENTERPRISE SOUTH
Braintree Town 1 Horsham 2, Chesham Utd 2 Walton & Hersham 0, Dag & Red 2 Torquay 0, Dorking 2 Maidstone Utd 3, Ebbsfleet United P AFC Totton P, Farnham Town 2 Billericay 4, Folkestone Invicta 1 Chelmsford 1, Hampton & Richmond 5 Slough 3, Maidenhead Utd 1 Farnborough 1, Salisbury FC 1 Hemel Hempstead 2, Tonbridge 0 Truro City 2, Weston-S-Mare 2 Dover 3.

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southend	3	3	0	0	7	2	9
Sutton Utd	3	3	0	0	6	1	9
Harrogate Tn	3	2	1	0	10	5	7
Boreham Wood	3	2	1	0	9	4	7
Hartlepool	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Boston Utd	3	2	0	1	3	1	6
Hornchurch	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
Eastleigh	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Worthing	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Forest Green	3	2	0	1	5	6	6
Yeovil	3	1	2	0	5	2	5
Carlisle	3	1	1	1	7	5	4
AFC Fylde	3	1	1	1	6	6	4
Aldershot	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Kidderminster	3	1	1	1	2	4	4
FC Halifax	3	1	0	2	7	7	3
Gateshead	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Woking	3	1	0	2	3	7	3
Scunthorpe	3	0	1	2	3	5	1
Barrow	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
Wealdstone	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
Tamworth	3	0	1	2	5	9	1
Altrincham	3	0	0	3	3	10	0
Solihull Moors	3	0	0	3	3	10	0

ENTERPRISE NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chester FC	4	4	0	0	6	1	12
Oxford City	4	3	1	0	7	2	10
Hebburn Town	4	3	1	0	7	3	10
Macclesfield FC	4	3	1	0	5	2	10
South Shields	4	3	1	0	5	2	10
Hereford FC	4	3	0	1	8	2	9
Harborough Tn	4	2	2	0	7	4	8
Scarborough A	4	2	0	2	8	6	6
Chorley	4	2	0	2	6	5	6
Worksop Town	4	2	0	2	4	6	6
Southport	4	1	2	1	8	7	5
Merthyr Town	4	1	2	1	6	5	5
Spalding Utd	4	1	1	2	2	2	4
Buxton	4	1	1	2	5	6	4
Brackley	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
King's Lynn Tn	4	1	1	2	4	7	4
Spennymoor Tn	4	1	1	2	4	9	4
Marine	4	1	0	3	4	5	3
Darlington	4	1	0	3	6	9	3
Bedford Town	4	1	0	3	5	9	3
Radcliffe	4	1	0	3	3	8	3
AFC Telford	4	0	2	2	5	7	2
Hednesford Tn	4	0	2	2	6	9	2
Morecambe	4	0	1	3	2	5	1

ENTERPRISE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dag & Red	4	4	0	0	7	1	12
Horsham	4	2	2	0	5	2	8
Weston-S-Mare	4	2	1	1	8	3	7
Truro City	3	2	1	0	4	0	7
Maidstone Utd	4	2	1	1	8	5	7
Hemel Hemp	4	2	1	1	5	3	7
Farnborough	4	2	1	1	4	4	7
Billericay	3	2	0	1	6	3	6
Tonbridge	4	2	0	2	6	4	6
Dover	4	2	0	2	8	8	6
AFC Totton	3	2	0	1	2	3	6
Folkestone Inv	3	1	2	0	7	3	5
Torquay	4	1	2	1	3	4	5
Maidenhead	4	1	2	1	2	3	5
Salisbury FC	3	1	1	1	6	2	4
Dorking	4	1	1	2	5	4	4
Chelmsford	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
Chesham Utd	4	1	0	3	4	7	3
Farnham Town	4	1	0	3	4	7	3
Braintree Town	3	1	0	2	4	8	3
Hampton & R	4	1	0	3	5	13	3
Ebbsfleet Utd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slough	3	0	0	3	6	11	0
Walton & Hersh	4	0	0	4	1	12	0

THE PITCHING IN NORTHERN PREMIER
Curzon Ashton 1 Guiseley 2, Emley AFC 1 Ashton Utd 1, FC United of Manchester 1 Workington 2, Gainsborough Trinity 0 Bury FC 1, Hyde Utd 0 AVRO 1, Ilkeston Town 0 Cleethorpes Town 3, Lancaster City 2 Quorn 2, Leek Town 4 Bamber Bridge 1, Stockton Town 2 Alfreton Town 0, Warrington Rylands 0 Redcar Athletic 5, Whitby Town 0 Warrington Town 5.

THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN PREMIER
Brentwood Town 1 Enfield Town 3, Cheshunt 1 Burgess Hill Town 1, Cray Wanderers 2 Eastbourne Borough 1, Dartford 0 Welling 3, Leatherhead 1 Maldon & Tiptree 4, Lewes 3 AFC Whyteleafe 1, Ramsgate 4 St Albans 0, Stanway Rovers 1 Carshalton Ath 2, Three Bridges 1 Aveley 5, Whitehawk 0 Chatham Town 3, Wingate & Finchley 1 Dulwich 0.

THE PITCHING IN SOUTHERN PREMIER SOUTH
Basingstoke Town 1 Bath City 1, Berkhamsted 2 Poole Town 3, Chichester City 4 Chippenham 0, Frome Town 1 Gosport Borough 2, Gloucester 1 Hanwell Town 0, Hanworth Villa 4 Evesham Utd 1, Malvern Town 0 Wimborne Town 3, Plymouth Parkway 2 Havant and W 1, Sholing 2 Chertsey Town 4, Uxbridge 5 Taunton Town 4, Yate Town 2 Bracknell Town 1.

THE PITCHING IN SOUTHERN PREMIER CENTRAL
Anstey Nomads 2 Leighton Town 0, Bishop's Stortford 0 Alvechurch 3, Bury Town 3 Leamington 0, Kettering 0 Peterborough Sports 0, Needham Market 0 Halesowen Town 1, Racing Club Warwick 1 Hitchin Town 1, Real Bedford 6 Stratford Town 1, Redditch Utd 1 Bromsgrove Sporting 2, Rushall Olympic 3 Banbury Utd 2, Stourbridge 2 Leiston 2, Worcester City 1 Stamford 0.

WELSH PREMIER
Played Friday Cardiff Met Uni 0 The New Saints FC 5, Colwyn Bay 1 Airbus UK Broughton 0, Flint Town United 0 Briton Ferry 1, Haverfordwest County 0 Cambrian United 3, Holywell Town 1 Barry Town United 3, Penybont 2 Llandudno 1, Trefelin BGC 0 Caernarfon Town 2. **Played Saturday** Ammanford 0 Connah's Quay Nomads 2.

THE PITCHING IN NORTHERN PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cleethorpes Tn	5	4	1	0	13	2	13
Warrington Tn	5	4	1	0	13	3	13
AVRO	5	4	0	1	13	6	12
Redcar Athletic	5	3	2	0	10	2	11
Ashton Utd	5	3	1	1	8	3	10
Guiseley	5	3	1	1	10	7	10
Bury FC	5	3	1	1	7	5	10
Gainsborough	5	3	0	2	10	4	9
Emley AFC	5	2	2	1	6	5	8
Hyde Utd	5	2	1	2	3	5	7
Alfreton Town	5	2	0	3	6	6	6
Warrington Ry	5	2	0	3	4	7	6
Ilkeston Town	5	2	0	3	4	8	6
Whitby Town	5	2	0	3	4	10	6
Leek Town	5	1	2	2	8	7	5
Curzon Ashton	5	1	1	3	7	9	4
Stockton Town	5	1	1	3	4	7	4
Lancaster City	5	1	1	3	6	11	4
Workington	5	1	1	3	5	10	4
Bamber Bridge	5	1	1	3	5	14	4
Quorn	5	0	2	3	4	11	2
FC Utd of Manc	5	0	1	4	2	10	1

LEAGUE ONE

AFC WIM'DON (0) 0 READING (0) 0

AFC Wimbledon: McDonnell, Ogundere, Sweeney, Johnson, Tilley, Nelson (Maycock 75), Smith, Hippolyte (Sessegnon 90), Seddon, Browne, Stockley (Sasu 82). Subs not used: Bishop, Harrison, Hackford, Yiadom. Booked: Hippolyte, Johnson.

Reading: Pereira, Godwin-Malife, O'Connor, Ward, Roberts (Williams 87), Wing, Rinomhota (Savage 65), Lisbie (Brown 90), Stokes (Earthy 65), Kyerewaa (Lane 87), Marriott. Subs not used: Stevens, Ahmed. Booked: O'Connor, Rinomhota, Savage.

BROMLEY (0) 1 CAMBRIDGE (0) 1

Adeboyejo 81 — **Knight 67**
Att: 4,938

Bromley: George, Ifill, Sowunmi, Grant, Mendy (Headman 46), Whitely (Adeboyejo 72), Conteh, Hondermarck, Pinnock (Archer 72), Thompson (McKiernan 46), Cheek (Kabamba 78). Subs not used: Mason, Brenan. Booked: Headman.

Cambridge Utd: Eastwood, Jobe, Watts, Perry (Bradshaw 85), Bennett, Ball, McLoughlin (KaiKai 45), Mpanzu, Knight (Bauer 73), Heath (McConnell 84), Appere (Lavery 73). Subs not used: Hughes, Efobi. Booked: Ball, Lavery.

DONCASTER (0) 0 BARNSLEY (0) 0

Doncaster: Simkin, Sterry, Byrne, McGrath, Senior, Gotts, Thomas (Ayinde 63), Bailey, Broadbent (Hutchinson 76), Adelakun (McCann 73), May (Hanlan 88). Subs not used: Clarke, Robinson, Grehan. Booked: Thomas.

Barnsley: Ravenhill, Noslin, Gale, Earl, Kay, McGeehan, Connell, Alker (Taylor 86), Kelly, Richards, Kirk (Town 68). Subs not used: Flavell, Shepherd, O'Keeffe, Bland. Booked: Earl.

LEICESTER (1) 1 BURTON ALB (2) 2

Burns 42 — **Dennis 5, Chauke 25**
Att: 27,744

Leicester: McCarthy, Aluko, Okoli, Souttar, Thomas (Page 77), Skipp, Burns (Howell 54), Braybrooke, Cullen (Choudhury 34), Alves (Watson 55), Bristric (De Cordova-Reid 55). Subs not used: Stolarczyk, McFarlane. Booked: De Cordova-Reid. Sent-off: Skipp.

Burton Albion: Addai, Sibbick, Delap, Tilt, Lofthouse, Evans, Krubally (Collar 64), Armer, Chauke, Webster, Dennis (Adiele 70). Subs not used: Dudek, Sraha, Araujo, Matthews-Lewis, Scutt. Booked: Krubally, Lofthouse, Tilt.

LUTON (1) 2 NOTTS CTY (1) 2

Wells 42 (pen), Marshall 68 — **Roberts 45, Cooper 61**
Att: 11,515

Luton: Keeley, Jones (Ashby 80), Andersen, Johnston, Naismith, Walsh, Richards, Clark (Kodua 18), Palmer, Lawrence (Benagr 62), Wells (Marshall 63). Subs not used: Shea, Odofin, Johnson. Booked: Johnston, Naismith, Palmer, Walsh, Wells.

Notts County: Belshaw, Tsaroulla (Samuels-Smith 73), Gibbons, Ness, Bedeau, Lipsiuc (Baker 86), Cooper (Kouhyar 86), Robertson (Mustapha 72), Evans, Smyth (Grant 63), Roberts (Ndlovu 73). Subs not used: Griffiths. Booked: Mustapha, Robertson, Smyth.

MK DONS (0) 1 HUDD'SFIELD (1) 1

Collins 54 — **Taylor 9**
Att: 9,505

Milton Keynes Dons: MacGillivray, Ekpiteta, Nelson, Goode, Barlaser, Jones (Barnett 69), Wintle, Wiles, Bramall, Nombe (Paterson 69), Collins (Crowley 84). Subs not used: Stacey, Mendez-Laing, Matete, Sanders. Booked: Collins.

Huddersfield: Young, Balker, Wallace, Bowat, Bronkhorst, Ledson, Harness, Smith-Sway, Sanches Fernandes (Sebine 84), Fletcher (Kasumu 75), Taylor (Radulovic 65). Subs not used: Tzanev, Low, Gooch, Collins. Booked: Kasumu, Radulovic.

PETERBORO (0) 2 MANSFIELD (0) 1

Woods 50, Leonard 90 — **Smith 60**
Att: 8,900

Peterborough: Bass, Johnston, Nevett, O'Connor, Weir, Kelly (Jones 80), Woods (Conn-Clarke 71), Edwards (Shofowoke 68), Khela, Williams (Masara 80), Leonard. Subs not used: Smith, Mills, Dornelly. Booked: Johnston, Khela.

Mansfield: Roberts, Oshilaja, Blake-Tracy (Moriah-Welsh 77), Sweeney, Reed, Akins, Russell (Hendry 68), Thompson (Maris 85), McLaughlin (Dodgson 68), Oates, Smith (Hewitt 69). Subs not used: Lewis, Knoyle. Booked: Oates, Sweeney.

STEVENAGE (0) 1 OXFORD (0) 2

Roberts 90 — **O'Donkor 67, Brannagan 87 (pen)**

Stevenage: Marschall, Vancooten, Piergianni, Freestone, Pattenden (Houghton 33), Thompson (T Taylor 72), Phillips (Roberts 80), Earley (Patterson 72), Kemp, Reid (Sanderson 80), Magennis. Subs not used: Barden, J Taylor. Booked: Freestone.

Oxford Utd: Cumming (Eastwood 9), Kioso, Helik, Brown, Currie (Spencer 88), McDonnell, Brannagan, Emakhu, Sibley (O'Donkor 65), Dembele (Mills 65), Harris (Goodrham 88). Subs not used: Long, Missanga. Booked: Brannagan, Harris, Helik, Mills.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Huddersfield	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Luton	2	1	1	0	6	5	4
Oxford Utd	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Cambridge Utd	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Blackpool	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Burton Albion	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Bromley	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Stockport Cty	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Leyton Orient	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Mansfield	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Sheff Wed	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Peterborough	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
MK Dons	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Notts County	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Wycombe	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Reading	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Leicester	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Stevenage	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Doncaster	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Barnsley	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Plymouth	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
AFC Wimbledon	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Wigan	2	0	0	2	2	5	0

LEADING SCORERS

Marriott	(Reading)	3
Sanches Fernandes	(Huddersfield)	2
Palmer	(Luton)	2
Collins	(Milton Keynes Dons)	2
Adeboyejo	(Bromley)	2

LEADING ASSISTS

Kabia	(Leyton Orient)	2
Ledson	(Huddersfield)	2

STOCKPORT (0) 1 BLACKPOOL (2) 2

Mandron 90 — **Bloxham 22, Bowler 40**
Att: 9,991

Stockport County: Whatmuff, Gordon, O'Connell, Pye, Glover (Andresson 70), Bate (Mandron 70), Norwood, Osborn (Gardner 86), Diamond, Wood (Adigun 58), Wootton. Subs not used: Wilson-Brown, Edun, Fiorini. Booked: Adigun, Glover.

Blackpool: Peacock-Farrell, Williams, Casey, Ashworth, Hamilton (Lyons 72), Anderson, Morgan (Clarkson 69), Bowler, Bloxham (Kouassi 60), Honeyman (Coulson 69), Charles (Munroe 59). Subs not used: Southwood, Hunter. Booked: Munroe.

WIGAN (0) 0 LEY ORIENT (1) 2

Springett 15, Akhamrich 58

Wigan: J Walsh, Carragher (A Harris 80), Burns, Mellish, Weir (Trevitt 79), R Walsh, Power, Murray, Costelloe (Sze 80), Perkins (L Harris 65), Higgins (Barrett 65). Subs not used: Chapman, Miller. Booked: Power.

Leyton Orient: Baxter (Phillips 42), Stevens, Olowu, Chinedu, Morris (Gilchrist 46), Hayden, Akhamrich, Wellens (Mitchell 56), El Mizouni, Springett (Archibald 80), Kabia (Oyekunle 80). Subs not used: Forrester, Obiero. Booked: El Mizouni, Hayden, Kabia.

WYCOMBE (0) 1 PLYMOUTH (1) 1

Taylor 76 — **Evans 25**
Att: 6,065

Wycombe: Hazard, Grimmer (Parker 68), Taylor, Cook, Harvie, Henderson, Scowen (Boyd-Munce 68), Quitirna (Woodrow 46), Mullins (Tezgel 57), Thomas, Onyedinma (Morley 82). Subs not used: van Sas, Casey. Booked: Henderson.

Plymouth: Cooper, Harding, Ross Jensen, Pleguezuelo (Mitchell 70), Hartridge, Amaechi (Watts 64), Boateng (Ibrahim 9), White, Curtis, Evans, Pepple. Subs not used: Storer, Roberts, Finn, Sorinola. Booked: Evans, Harding, Ibrahim.

PLAYED THURSDAY

SHEFF WED (0) 0 BRADFORD (0) 1

Baldwin 47

Sheff Wed: Lumley, Valery, Otegbayo (Santos 81), Cooper (Swinkels 69), M Lowe, Bannan, Mitchell (Burstow 69), Gray, Slattery, Barry (Morrison 69), J Lowe. Subs not used: Trueman, Palmer, Thornton. Booked: Mitchell.

Bradford: McCracken, Pennington, Baldwin, Gillesphey, Neufville, Sarcevic, Connolly (Cartwright 90), Touray, Jackson (Phillips 64), Pointon (Swan 63), Beesley (Powell 78). Subs not used: Dawson, Welch, Lapslie. Booked: Pennington.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS 23 08 26

COMPILED BY Russell Lanning

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1978

THE summer signings of Argentine World Cup stars Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa meant an eagerly-awaited Tottenham home debut.

There was a ticker-tape welcome in front of 47,892 fans but visitors Aston Villa hadn't read and script and beat newly-promoted Spurs 4-1!

2003

RUUD VAN NISTELROOY netted in his TENTH successive Prem match for Manchester United — with the Red Devils winning 2-1 at Newcastle. His run had started the previous season against Fulham in March and included the first two games of the 2003-04 season before ending at home v Wolves on Aug 27.

2015

THE MLS meeting of LA Galaxy and New York City was hyped up as the 'British Invasion' — the first meeting of Steven Gerrard and Frank Lampard in the US. Sadly, it didn't materialise — Gerrard played but Lampard didn't, with Galaxy's Robbie Keane bagging two goals in their 5-1 thumping of NYC.

GETTING YER ROUND IN... ANSWERS (from page 10)

ROUND 1: **Alan Shearer.** ROUND 2: **Rio, Brazil.**
ROUND 3: **Three.** ROUND 4: **Ethan Nwaneri.**
ROUND 5: **Howard Wilkinson.** ROUND 6: **Shay Given.**
ROUND 7: **Brad Friedel.** ROUND 8: **Crystal Palace.**
ROUND 9: **Tottenham.** ROUND 10: **Alexander Isak.**

LEAGUE TWO

BRISTOL R (1) 5 NEWPORT (1) 3

Purrington 45, Cavegn 53, 90, Jenkins 57 (og), Kamwa 74 — **Biggins 1, Gwengwe 61, Jarvis 90**
Att: 10,349

Bristol Rovers: Young, James (Smallwood 85), Balmer, Harbottle, Purrington, Mola, Gough, Forde (Russell-Denny 85), Leigh (Harrison 87), Kamwa (Aitchison 79), Cavegn. Subs not used: Binns, Quigley, Kelly. Booked: Kamwa, Mola.

Newport County: Wright, Norman, Jenkins, Cameron, Davies (Merritt 74), Evans (Smith 74), Brennan, Bamba (Jarvis 85), Biggins (Patten 90), Gwengwe, Doidge (Sassi 74). Subs not used: Turner, Thomas. Booked: Brennan.

COLCHESTER (0) 2 OLDHAM (1) 1

Anderson 63, Temple 90 (og) — **Appiah-Forson 20**
Att: 5,186

Colchester: Lo-Tutala, Vincent-Young (Connolly 82), Tucker, Raggett, Iandolo, Digby (Williams 61), Hunt (Sesay 46), Thorn, Payne, Anderson, Ihionvien (Chiwome 68). Subs not used: Smith, Terry, Kuffour Jr. Booked: Iandolo, Vincent-Young.

Oldham: Hudson, Scott-Morriss, Daniels, Delaney, Robson, Fawunmi (Pett 52), Norburn, Appiah-Forson, Drummond (Chilvers 72), Kavanagh (Temple 46), Fondop-Talom (Nevitt 62). Subs not used: Wilson, Woods, Monthe. Booked: Daniels, Hudson, Kavanagh, Nevitt, Norburn. Sent-off: Scott-Morriss.

CREWE (0) 1 N'HAMPTON (0) 0

March 54
Att: 5,375

Crewe: Booth, Billington, Offord, Stephenson, Hutchinson, Holicek, Tabiner (Ure 75), Lankester (McNeill 75), Agius, Gibson (Thibaut 90), March. Subs not used: Croker, Dancey, Moore, Thomas. Booked: March.

Northampton: Jeacock, Donacien, Moore, Guthrie, Maxwell, Saunders (List 67), Evans, Fornah, Briggs (O'Brien-Whitmarsh 66), Lemonheigh-Evans, Warhurst (Hoskins 77). Subs not used: Fitzsimons, Wormleighton, Perkins, Dyche. Booked: Evans.

EXETER (2) 2 ACCRINGTON (0) 0

Fitzwater 2, Conneely 13 (og)
Att: 5,939

Exeter: Bycroft, James, Fitzwater, Woodhouse, Edwards (Oluwabori 89), Doyle-Hayes (Perry 81), Cummins, Harper (Sutherland 70), Cole (Birch 81), Wareham, Gordon (Cox 70). Subs not used: Phillips, Samuel. Booked: Fitzwater, Harper, Wareham.

Accrington Stanley: Moulden, Moore, Rawson, Matthews, O'Brien (Henderson 78), Love, Conneely (Coyle 78), Anderson, Whalley (C Stockton 63 (Brown 89)), Woods, Caton (Mols 78). Subs not used: Rogerson, Sass. Booked: Moore, Woods.

FLEETWOOD (0) 0 GILLINGHAM (0) 0

Fleetwood Town: Lynch, Rooney, Bennett, Potter, Neal, Cirino (Andrew 72), Cannon (McLean 73), Helm, McCann, Evans, Davies (Loupalo-Bi 73). Subs not used: Pradic, Murphy, Costelloe, Dempsey. Booked: Bennett.

Gillingham: Maynard-Brewer, Smith, Beckles, Dobbs, Freeman, Albarus, McKenzie (Waldock 88), Harris (McManus 70), Hale (Kendall 84), Brophy (Antwi 84), Goodwin. Subs not used: Holtam, Webster, Booth. Booked: Brophy, Harris.

PORT VALE (1) 1 TRANMERE (0) 1

Byers 18 (pen) — **Ince 72**
Att: 8,668

Port Vale: Smith, Lawrence-Gabriel, Humphreys, Montsma (C Hall 83), Gordon, Dempsey, Byers (Walters 27), Hernandez, Lynch (Simpson 75), G Hall (Waine 84), Faal (Garrity 83). Subs not used: Terry, Headley. Booked: Dempsey, Garrity.

Tranmere: Male (Turnbull 53), Senior, Faulkner, Smith, Brough (Slater 59), Vaulks, Conlon (Finley 59), Davies, Ince, Okoro (Veevers 84), Ironside. Subs not used: Scott, O'Connor, Mann. Booked: Finley, Ironside, Smith.

ROCHDALE (0) 1 CRAWLEY TN (1) 2

Ebanks-Landell 54 — **Aderoju 8, Watson 72 (pen)**
Att: 3,895

Rochdale: Ramming, Sherring, Ebanks-Landell, Wilson, Moss (Silcott-Duberry 87), Gilmour (Henderson 87), Francis (Adeeko 82), Adebayo-Rowling, Brown, East (Taylor 82), Dieseruvwe. Subs not used: Waller, Smith, Hannant. Booked: Moss, Ramming, Sherring, Wilson.

Crawley Town: Michalski, Odimayo, Farquharson, Barker, Russell (Richards 63), Adeyemo, Arthurs, Jennings (Krasniqi 89), Kamara, Watson, Aderoju (Orsi-Dadomo 90). Subs not used: Izquierdo, Arganese-McDermott, Di Biase, Tinsdale. Booked: Arthurs, Farquharson, Russell, Watson.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Crewe	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Walsall	2	1	1	0	3	0	4
Tranmere	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Colchester	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
York	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Swindon	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Fleetwood Town	2	1	1	0	1	0	4
Grimsby	2	1	1	0	1	0	4
Bristol Rovers	2	1	0	1	7	6	3
Newport County	2	1	0	1	6	5	3
Oldham	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Exeter	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Cheltenham	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Crawley Town	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Chesterfield	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Rotherham	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Northampton	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Accrington	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Port Vale	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Gillingham	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Salford City	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Rochdale	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Shrewsbury	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

LEADING SCORERS

Newby	(York)	2
Kavanagh	(Oldham)	2
Caton	(Accrington Stanley)	2
Gwengwe	(Newport County)	2
March	(Crewe)	2
Cavegn	(Bristol Rovers)	2
Boyes	(York)	2
Lakin	(Barnet)	2

LEADING ASSISTS

Doidge	(Newport County)	2
Thorn	(Colchester)	2

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 YORK (1) 1

Otoo 20 — **Newby 40**
Att: 9,807

Rotherham: Cann, Hall, Aljofree, Agbaire (Rafferty 67), Otoo, Cover, Buyabu, Spence, Ashley (Ngwenya 57), Tavares (Bradshaw 56), Mullin (Martha 76). Subs not used: Eyestone, Kaleta, Nemane. Booked: Buyabu, Cover.

York: McNally, Williams, Johnson (Fallowfield 30), Kitching (McArthur 71), Felix (King 72), Hunt (Read 67), Banks, Boyes, Newby, Grey, Pearce. Subs not used: Sykes-Kenworthy, Medley, Farrar.

SALFORD (0) 0 CHESTERFIELD (1) 1

Bonis 2

Salford City: Norris, Turton, Oluwo, Aimson, Garbutt (Udoh 61), Molyneux, Grant (Cesay 84), Powell (Wiredu 61), N'Mai (Odoh 73), Woodburn (Malcolm 72), Langstaff. Subs not used: Long, Bonds. Booked: Garbutt, Wiredu.

Chesterfield: Boot, Hutton (Eccleston 77), McFadzean, Simpson, Gordon, McEachran (Naylor 69), Stirk, Markanday (Owolabi-Belewu 77), Mandeville (Bryden 84), Koroma (Lamptey 77), Bonis. Subs not used: Pond, Anisjko. Booked: Lamptey, Mandeville, Simpson.

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 BARNET (1) 3

Davison 41 — **Reeves 13, Lakin 83, Knowles 90**
Att: 5,129

Shrewsbury: Brook, Hoole (S Stubbs 72 (Lee 79)), Boyle, Ruffels, Jude-Boyd, Sang, Gray (Turner-Cooke 65), Berkoe, Fletcher, Davison, Gbode (Lloyd 82). Subs not used: Proctor, England, Aiston. Booked: Turner-Cooke.

Barnet: Cox, Collinge, Tavares (Wright 90), Williams (Knowles 63), Senior, Gallagher, Reeves (Kenlock 61), Kanu (Maskell 61), Lakin, Ofoborh (Comley 90), Tshimanga (Siaw 90). Subs not used: Ashby-Hammond.

SWINDON (1) 2 CHELTENHAM (0) 1

Drinan 17, Clarke 55 — **Broom 85**
Att: 8,833

Swindon: Ripley, Clark, Negru, Tafazolli (Majekodunmi 61), Kirkman, Munda, Middlemas (Millard 53), Virtue (Debayo 85), Clarke (Nichols 61), Pearman (Palmer 46), Drinan. Subs not used: Ward, Griffiths-Brown. Booked: Virtue.

Cheltenham: Stanway, Tomkinson, Cundy, Sweeney, Nurse (Bickerstaff 71), Stevenson, Evans (Willcox 85), Tomlinson, McCann, Shipley (Broom 71), Otchere (Weimann 63). Subs not used: Day, Barber. Booked: Bickerstaff.

WALSALL (0) 0 GRIMSBY (0) 0

Walsall: Ward, Ahui (Browne 80), Skura, Connolly, Hancock, Moore (Crew 80), Sprangler, Simper (Sodje 80), Clarke (Adomah 90), Dallas (Smith 64), Pressley. Subs not used: Wooster, Burke. Booked: Connolly.

Grimsby: Pym, Rodgers, Kacurri, McJannett, Sweeney, Turi, Amaluzor, Green, Doyle (Reynolds 80), Vernam, Cook (Morgan 70). Subs not used: Auton, Foulkes, Lavelle, Brown, Catchpole. Booked: Sweeney.

THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Carshalton Ath	4	4	0	0	8	2	12
Enfield Town	4	3	0	1	11	5	9
Welling	4	3	0	1	10	4	9
Chatham Town	4	3	0	1	10	5	9
Dartford	4	3	0	1	6	6	9
Aveley	4	2	1	1	10	6	7
Eastbourne B	4	2	1	1	9	8	7
Leatherhead	4	2	1	1	9	8	7
Lewes	4	2	1	1	5	5	7
Dulwich	4	2	0	2	9	4	6
Ramsgate	4	2	0	2	10	6	6
Maldon & Tiptree	4	2	0	2	6	9	6
St Albans	4	2	0	2	5	8	6
Burgess Hill Tn	4	1	2	1	6	5	5
Cray W	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
Wingate & F	4	1	2	1	4	5	5
Brentwood Tn	4	1	0	3	5	7	3
Cheshunt	4	0	3	1	1	3	3
Whitehawk	4	0	1	3	2	8	1
AFC Whyteleafe	4	0	1	3	3	10	1
Stanway Rovers	4	0	1	3	2	9	1
Three Bridges	4	0	0	4	6	14	0

THE PITCHING IN SOUTHERN PREMIER SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chertsey Town	4	3	1	0	10	4	10
Uxbridge	4	3	1	0	10	5	10
Hanworth Villa	4	3	0	1	7	2	9
Bath City	4	2	2	0	5	3	8
Yate Town	4	2	2	0	5	3	8
Plymouth Park	4	2	1	1	12	5	7
Frome Town	4	2	0	2	7	3	6
Taunton Town	4	2	0	2	11	10	6
Chichester City	4	2	0	2	6	5	6
Poole Town	4	2	0	2	5	6	6
Evesham Utd	4	2	0	2	8	10	6
Hanwell Town	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
Wimborne Tn	4	1	1	2	4	4	4
Basingstoke Tn	4	1	1	2	6	7	4
Gloucester	4	1	1	2	4	5	4
Gosport Boro	4	1	1	2	3	4	4
Sholing	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
Chippenham	4	1	1	2	4	9	4
Bracknell Town	4	1	1	2	4	11	4
Berkhamsted	4	1	0	3	6	9	3
Havant and W	4	1	0	3	2	6	3
Malvern Town	4	0	2	2	4	10	2

THE PITCHING IN SOUTHERN PREMIER CENTRAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Bedford	4	4	0	0	15	4	12
Bury Town	4	4	0	0	8	1	12
Alvechurch	4	3	0	1	8	2	9
Bromsgrove Sp	4	3	0	1	8	5	9
Rushall Olym	4	3	0	1	8	6	9
Anstey Nomads	4	2	2	0	6	3	8
Kettering	4	2	2	0	3	1	8
Stourbridge	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
Halesowen Tn	3	2	0	1	2	1	6
Leiston	4	1	2	1	7	6	5
RC Warwick	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
Leighton Town	4	1	2	1	4	5	5
Banbury Utd	4	1	1	2	5	7	4
Worcester City	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
Redditch Utd	4	0	3	1	3	4	3
Needham Mkt	4	1	0	3	4	7	3
Hitchin Town	4	0	2	2	4	7	2
P'borough Sp	4	0	2	2	2	5	2
Stratford Tn	4	0	2	2	3	10	2
Leamington	4	0	1	3	3	9	1
Bishop's St'ford	4	0	1	3	1	7	1
Stamford	4	0	0	4	1	6	0

SCOTLAND

WILLIAM HILL PREMIERSHIP

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 DUNDEE (1) 2
Wright 43, O Bevan 57

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
Dundee	3	2	0	1	4	1	6
St Mirren	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Motherwell	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Hearts	2	1	0	1	5	2	3
St Johnstone	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Hibernian	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Aberdeen	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Rangers	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Falkirk	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
Dundee Utd	3	0	1	2	1	7	1
Kilmarnock	2	0	0	2	4	9	0

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP

Played Friday

INVERNESS (0) 1 PARTICK (1) 1
Bavidge 89 — Drozd 17
Att: 2,809

Played Saturday

LIVINGSTON (1) 2 DUNFERMLNE (0) 0
van Hoeven 45, Muirhead 90
Att: 2,957

MORTON (0) 1 ARBROATH (1) 2
Black 48 — Bonnar 20, O'Brien 90
Att: 1,869

QUEEN'S PRK (0) 0 STENHSMUIR (0) 2
Att: 886 — O'Reilly 49, Buchanan 84

RAITH (2) 2 AYR (0) 0
Dowds 8, 15
Att: 3,249

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stenhousemuir	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
Raith	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Partick	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
Livingston	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Ayr	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Arbroath	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Inverness CT	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
Dunfermline	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
Morton	3	0	0	3	1	5	0
Queen's Park	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE ONE

AIRDRIE (0) 1 ROSS CNTY (2) 3
Gibson 50 — Emslie 26, Lindsay 34, Wright 74

COVE (0) 3 PETERHEAD (0) 0
Teasdale 49, White 83, Oppong 87
Att: 892

EAST FIFE (0) 0 HAMILTON (0) 0
Att: 811

MONTROSE (2) 3 E KILBRIDE (0) 0
Oliver 36 (pen), 41, Craig 61
Att: 547

QN OF STH (0) 0 ALLOA (0) 2
Att: 741 — Walker 47, Glasgow 55

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamilton	4	3	1	0	10	0	10
Ross County	3	3	0	0	6	2	9
East Kilbride	4	2	1	1	9	5	7
Alloa	4	2	1	1	5	1	7
Peterhead	4	2	0	2	3	5	6
East Fife	4	1	2	1	3	2	5
Cove Rangers	4	1	1	2	3	5	4
Montrose	4	1	0	3	4	10	3
Airdrieonians	4	0	2	2	2	8	2
Queen of Sth	3	0	0	3	1	8	0

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE TWO

CLYDE (2) 3 FORFAR (0) 0
Hilton 11, Williamson 36, 61 — Att: 741

EDINBURGH C (0) 1 ANNAN ATH (0) 0
Lawson 89 — Att: 236

KELTY (2) 3 DUMBARTON (1) 1
Hislop 19, Moore 20, Ferguson 73 — McIntosh 16 (pen)
Att: 306

SPARTANS (1) 3 ELGIN (2) 3
McNulty 30, 66 (pen), Dinanga 78 — MacIver 33 (pen), Hester 43, 49
Att: 445

STIRLING (0) 2 STRANRAER (2) 2
Allan 47, Dobbie 58 — Dobbie 28, Dunne 33
Att: 708

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clyde	4	3	0	1	8	3	9
Elgin	4	2	2	0	13	5	8
Forfar	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
Kelty Hearts	4	2	0	2	7	8	6
Spartans	4	1	2	1	9	8	5
Stirling	4	1	1	2	6	8	4
Stranraer	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
Annan Athletic	4	1	0	3	4	7	3
Dumbarton	4	1	0	3	2	8	3
Edinburgh City	4	2	1	1	6	7	2

(Edinburgh City deducted 5 points)

Dan King

OUR COLUMNISTS ARE THE TALK OF SPORT

Go-time Gianni

SORE POINT . . . pressure is mounting on Infantino

GIANNI SYCOPHANTINO is still in post as Fifa chief and the clock is ticking.

With the Under-20 Women's World Cup due to begin in Poland on September 5, England have delayed naming their squad amid Uefa threats of a boycott.

It would be heartbreaking for young players to miss out on a valuable milestone in their development.

But as Lionesses right-back Lucy Bronze has said — if such a stand is needed to save future generations from the machinations of Infantino and his motley crew of friends, it has to be done.

For the English FA and the federations of the other five European nations due to be involved in the tournament, it is time to put up or shut up.

RULE OF FLAW

Villa and Co hacked off

FOOTBALL, like any sport, requires rules.

The very foundations of the global game derive from English efforts to produce a single set of regulations agreed by everyone, and applied equally.

Yet, as Newcastle and Aston Villa begin a new season on the same day as Manchester City, they must wonder what happened to that spirit of fair competition.

Different public schools had different versions of football, some of which allowed running with the ball and kicking opponents in the shins – "hacking".

In 1863, the combined efforts of Cambridge University and the newly-formed Football Association produced Laws of the Game – how pompous – which excluded those practices.

The standardised sport conquered England, Britain and then the world.

Fast forward 163 years, and anyone of a Villa or Newcastle persuasion must feel like they are being kicked somewhere even more painful than the shins.

On the field, the rules are the same for everyone – lunatic Arsenal fans, not now, please!

Off the field, the same is superficially true.

Clubs are bound by financial regulations laid down in Premier League and Uefa rulebooks.

Which is why the billionaire owners of Newcastle and Villa cannot pump as much as they like into their playthings.

Why both clubs are subject to Uefa settlement agreements after breaching spending restrictions. And why, as a consequence, they will be without three key players from last season.

Unai Emery is preparing to return to the Champions League at Villa. Yet they have sold Youri Tielemans, Morgan Rogers and Ezri Konsa to balance the books.

Imagine if the rules in 1981 had compelled Villa's owners to cash in on Ken McNaught, Gordon Cowans and Peter Withe from their title-winning side.

The greatest day in the club's history, when Withe's goal won the European Cup against Bayern Munich a year later, would never have happened.

There is less sympathy for Newcastle, who have lost Anthony Gordon, Sandro Tonali and Bruno Guimaraes because of who their owners are.

In an ideal world, sovereign wealth funds would not control English football clubs.

But it is not an ideal world and the law of the land permits Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund to buy British assets – including 85 per cent of Newcastle.

That's capitalism, baby.

Or is it? Because the Premier League and Uefa have decided some of the rules that govern every other business no longer apply to football. They say restrictions on owner investment and spending are necessary to preserve competitive balance and stop clubs going bust.

But at the top level, the effect – and the suspected intention – is to preserve the status quo and stop the likes of Newcastle and Villa consistently challenging.

Of course, stringent checks should prevent criminals buying football clubs, just as they do in other industries.

But after that, Uefa and the Premier League should give owners more freedom to spend.

Money has always talked in football. Richer clubs have always preyed on the poorer, shelling out huge transfer fees and wages to nick the best players.

But there was always the chance a new owner or sponsor would transform your club so they could compete with the best.

Roman Abramovich revolutionised Chelsea with his billions.

But when UAE-backed City and Qatar-owned Paris Saint-Germain emerged to challenge the Blues and other established powers, Abramovich pulled up the ladder behind him by supporting Financial Fair Play rules.

Domestically, those regulations were driven in part by Portsmouth becoming the first Prem club to go into administration in 2010.

Ask most Pompey fans if they would give up their 2008 FA Cup win to later avoid bankruptcy and relegation and they would say no.

Companies go bust all the time. If you accept football is a business, you accept the consequences.

Not stop clubs such as Villa and Newcastle competing – when they can afford to do so.

GONE TO THE FLOGS . . . boss Unai Emery has seen Villa forced to sell off four of his key players from last season to balance the books

VILLA NET SPENDS SINCE 2020

(Initial fees)	IN	OUT	NET
2020-21	£104m	£12m	-£92m
2021-22	£119m	£122m	+£3m
2022-23	£88m	£34m	-£54m
2023-24	£87m	£132m	+£45m
2024-25	£163m	£98m	-£65m
2025-26	£77m	£44m	-£33m
*2026-27	£133m	£250m	+£117m

*Still running

CONGRATULATIONS to Arsenal on their back-to-back Premier League titles.

Mikel Arteta's squad is by miles the best in England.

At 3-0 up against Coventry, the Gunners boss brought on five players who were at the World Cup — four in teams which went deep.

That's including the bloke who scored the winners for champions Spain in the last 16 and quarter-finals, supersub Mikel Merino.

It would be ridiculous to base anything on the first night of the new season and they have a sterner test at Aston Villa a week tomorrow.

But everyone else in the Premier League is just playing for second place and below.

Pedro is pretty pricey

CREME DE LA PREM . . . Pedro

THE market has now spoken: Joao Pedro is one of the Premier League's best strikers.

Or at least that was the clear signal from an auction for the fantasy league I attended on Wednesday night.

The Chelsea star, 24, went for £25million, which represented a quarter of the bidding budget — and was second only to the £34m paid for Erling Haaland.

Fair enough, given Pedro scored more non-penalty goals in the Prem last term than anyone bar Haaland, Ollie Watkins and Antoine Semenyo. In the annual pre-season predictions, everyone but me went for the Viking Goalbot to win the Golden Boot again.

Just to be different, I chose Liverpool's Alexander Isak.

Which, as regular readers of predictions in this column will know, guarantees the Swede will have another turnip of a season.

Ali put me in a spin

HAVING failed dismally in my attempts to be a spin bowler — as in all other practical sporting endeavours — I was entranced by Usman Ali's five-for on Thursday.

As cricket becomes more and more about strength, pace and bish, bash, bosh, there is something satisfying, soothing and almost sensual about the art of the twirler.

On an otherwise tough day for Pakistan, Usman succeeded where seamers had mostly failed.

And without the kind of buffet delivery bowled off the wrong foot which fortuitously led to a catch in the deep — and one of my few wickets in a competitive game back in the summer of 1995.

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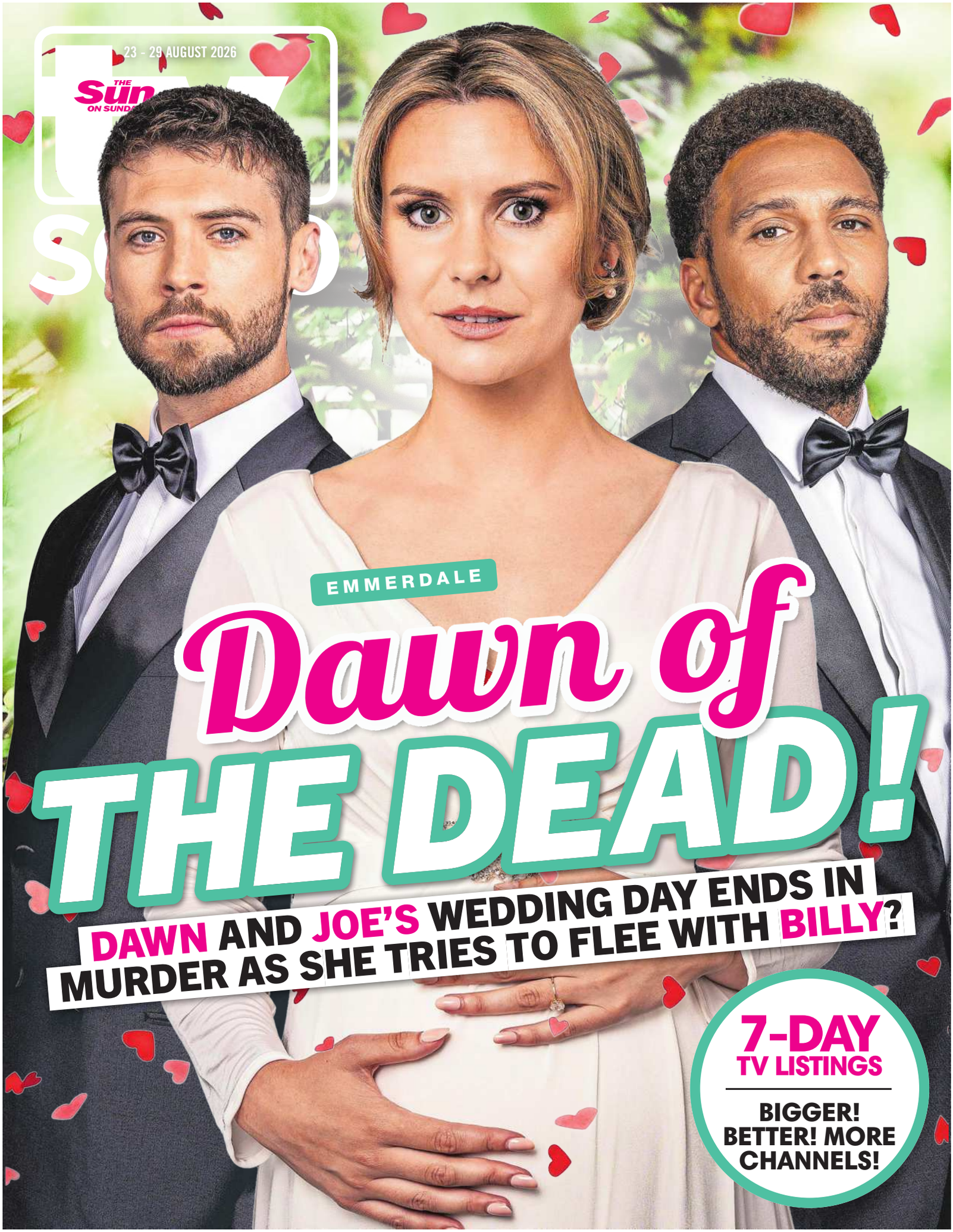

EMMERDALE

Dawn of THE DEAD!

DAWN AND JOE'S WEDDING DAY ENDS IN MURDER AS SHE TRIES TO FLEE WITH BILLY?

7-DAY TV LISTINGS

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EMMERDALE

TILL DEATH US DO PART?

Weddings in *Emmerdale* very rarely go off without a hitch, and Dawn and Joe's big day is set to be one to remember for all the wrong reasons as tragedy strikes, leading to some potentially deadly consequences for several of the villagers…

Dawn is determined to jilt Joe and start a new life with Billy, but she's worried that Kim's return is going to make things difficult. She's grateful as Billy offers some much-needed support, but he feels bad when she thanks him for being so trustworthy. Knowing she needs to get Kim out of the picture, guilty Dawn then uses her late father's memory to get Kim to leave so she can continue with her escape plan.

However, she's unaware that young Lucas has accidentally told Graham that they're fleeing the village. Joe's trusty henchman wastes no time in getting answers from the bride-to-be, and he's gobsmacked to discover her putting suitcases into her car outside Home Farm. Graham's stunned that Dawn is intending to break Joe's heart on what's supposed to be the happiest day of their lives. Dawn justifies her actions by reminding Graham that Joe nearly killed Billy, but she's left doubting her decision when he points out that Billy was attacked from *behind*, so how could he have seen it was Joe?

Desperate to put an end to Graham's interrogation and leave the village with Billy and her kids, Dawn whacks Graham unconscious with a shovel! But will she get the happily ever after she wants?

***EMMERDALE* AIRS MONDAY & WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY AT 8PM**

IT'S PAYBACK TIME

Given the fact that Joe stole Caleb's kidney in a fake stabbing attack, it's no surprise that the businessman is determined to make his nephew pay for his actions. And this week, it looks like he will finally get his own back by shattering Joe's apparently happy life with Dawn.

At the start of the week, Caleb is giddy with excitement as he prepares to witness Joe being jilted at the altar. Gloating at Joe's imminent downfall, he hands Billy a wad of cash for his new start with Joe's bride-to-be Dawn. However, Billy can't help but feel resentment towards the man he thought was a friend, and who can blame him for the way Billy's been used in Caleb's twisted game of revenge?

Later, in The Woolpack, Caleb quietly fumes as merry Joe raises a glass to toast 'happy endings'. Ruby tries and fails to calm down her husband, and it's not long before Joe rescinds the couple's invitation to the wedding. Caleb refuses to hold his tongue any longer and tells Joe that there won't be a wedding, as Dawn has left with Billy and he will *never* see them again. But has Dawn's plot really gone to plan?

My storyline with… Ned Porteous (Joe Tate)

How has it been to be a part of this big story?

It's been a lot of work, but we know, having seen little clips from what we're making, it *is* going to be worth it. It's a different style than you've seen from 'normal' *Emmerdale*. A lot of work has been put into it. We've got an amazing crew working on it the entire time, and I think we're all exceptionally proud of what we've come up with, so we're just very excited for everyone else to enjoy it too.

Can you tease what happens on the day of Joe and Dawn's wedding?

Joe's not fully convinced that everything is going to go well. There's a lot of run-up to the whole story. Do we even know that Joe *isn't* privy to what's going on? That, I suppose, is the main part of it. Is he planning a horrible revenge? Is he completely clueless about what Dawn's up to? Does he think this fairy-tale ending is going to work for him? We've seen how, many years ago, he was offered a happy ending [with Debbie Dingle] and that was taken from him. Perhaps people who act like Joe don't deserve their happy endings because that kind of character doesn't get that.

"Joe wants the wedding to be the day he thinks he deserves, so he's going to fight to make it so – what could this man be capable of?"

Is it an extravagant wedding?

It's a Tate wedding! All bells and whistles. Joe pulls out all the stops. He wants this to be the perfect wedding for himself. Like all villainous characters, Joe doesn't believe he's a bad person and thinks he deserves happiness. Joe wants this to be the day he deserves, so he is going to fight to make it so.

If Joe doesn't get his happily ever after with Dawn, how do you think he'll react?

I've always assumed that with a character like Joe, there are things he holds closest to his heart, the things that you can't buy, and that's love, being taken care of and his family. If you were to take those from a man who is as outwardly volatile and dangerous as Joe is, what could that man then be capable of?

CORONATION STREET

CORRIE AIRS MONDAY & WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY AT 8.30PM

DOCTORED FOSTER?

TV Soap would like to say Tim took Lucy in out of the goodness of his heart, but he actually added her to his brood of troubled children because he felt guilty that he, inadvertently, sent Richie home to murder his wife! However, now it appears he and Sally are being played…

Screams send Tim and Sally into the garden where Lucy points at Jodie and says she was spying. Lucy then wants to see her mum's body at the undertaker's, but is paralysed by fear at the door. Will Tim's confession that he feels guilty about Rachel's death send her over the edge?

Lucy later freaks out when Sally says she's taking her to a counsellor, and spends the session trashing her foster parents. Back at No.4, she chucks a bowl of popcorn at Joanie, declares them all to be liars and storms upstairs, Tracy Barlow-style (if you know, you know). Once she's out of sight, Lucy takes a call from her locked-up dad Richie, who tells her to stick to their 'story'... What's all that about?

Sally later admits Lucy is pushing her buttons, while the social worker is keen to find out if Lucy is happy in her present foster home. How exactly will young Lucy respond?

TODD NEEDS A PROD

No one can say Todd hasn't been through the wringer, but his boozing and belligerence is alienating his friends. So will the decline of his last remaining pal – new BFF Celeste – send him reeling? Todd is taken aback when Celeste tells him that she's Bernie's aunt, and he relays the sad news that Celeste is dying to the café worker, who doesn't quite react in the way you'd probably think a niece would. Later, Todd advises Celeste to forget about Bernie and enjoy the time she has left, and encourages her to attend a Pride event with him.

When George returns from Somerset, he pulls Todd up on his obvious drinking, which prompts Todd to tear another rift in his boss' romantic relationship by telling him that Christina toppled over in the ginnel and collapsed in a heap after chugging back the booze...

When Todd later informs Bernie that Celeste has taken a turn for the worse, she still appears unfazed, which seems cold and heartless (not really Bernie's MO), but there's a reason for her callousness, and she opens up to Dev about a deep family issue. Will she try to build bridges with Celeste before it's too late? And will Todd manage to fall out with a dying woman and find himself, er, all on his tod in Weatherfield?

EASTENDERS

BROTHERLY LOVE?

It feels like a race against time to get help for desperately ill Denise, and her family are pulling out all the stops searching for a stem-cell match. News from the hospital is bleak as doctors put struggling Denise into a medically induced coma. But there's a ray of hope when an ancestry website leads Kim to discover that Denise has a half-brother, Darnell. The family try to find the long-lost sibling, and Kim finally succeeds, managing to convince Darnell to meet. But it all proves too much and although he visits Denise in hospital, he quickly flees.

Jack's relieved when doctors bring her out of the coma, but the medics admit the treatment isn't working, so a stem-cell donor is needed soon. While Denise has some hope after hearing about Darnell, Jack draws on his detective skills to find him, tracking down Darnell and his daughter Grace. But emotions run high, leaving the family frightened that Denise's chance of help has been scuppered. At the hospital, Kim's mad when Jack drops a bombshell, but could Darnell have a change of heart?

PARTY POOPER

He's got form for doing a runner when faced with trouble, but Alfie always wants to bring a smile to people's faces. So when he realises footage from Bert and Ernie's school project has upset Kat, he's eager to cheer up his missus, and plans a Benidorm-themed party inspired by a past happy holiday. Thinking more sensibly (which isn't hard), the family ask why Alfie hasn't just talked to Kat about the film, but everyone's distracted by outdoors events, which leaves Kat moved.

However, Alfie's over-the-top stunt leads to chaos in the Square, with a community officer shutting down the festivities and threatening the Moons with a fine. Soon, Alfie's trying to calm a raging Kat, until they're interrupted by an accident that sees youngster Ria injured. Suki and Eve are anxious that it could affect their potential custody case, and when Suki mentions legal action, Kat storms off. A little advice to Alfie: perhaps stick to flowers and chocolates next time.

EASTENDERS AIRS MONDAY TO THURSDAY AT 7.30PM

HOLLYOAKS

CRIME OF PASSION

Detective Donny and crime-lord daughter Gemma are fast becoming Chester's answer to Sherlock Holmes and Moriarty – except that Donny has no idea she is the elusive master criminal he's looking for. The cop's chuffed on Monday when Gemma gifts him and Misbah a posh painting to celebrate him making an arrest over the crime gang (which is *her* gang). However, there's more to the artwork than meets the eye…

Returning to her day job, Gemma tells a relieved Warren that Sebastian's well enough to be discharged from hospital, but the good news ends there as Jenson informs Warren that Gemma is also the gang leader they've been stealing those 'crypto wallets' from. It's not long before the rival gangsters come face-to-face, and Warren admits he wants Gemma's loot so he can start afresh abroad with Mercedes. However, Gemma reveals that she's less interested in the cash, she just wants Warren's love! But can either crook triumph with undercover cop Jenson planning to bring them both down?

GETTING TO THE MART OF THE MATTER

James isn't ready to give up on his quest to win back Ste, and in the wake of Leah's disastrous wedding, he heads to Leela's house to comfort his devastated stepdaughter. This doesn't impress Ste, and as soon as he arrives home, he boots James out and admits to Leah that he thinks the lawyer may be far more involved in Rex's murder than they think. Intrigued, Leah agrees to do some digging on Martin, the man who's confessed to the shooting.

It seems this Martin guy is the talk of the village, and Cindy reveals to Beth that she can't understand why this apparent stranger attempted to frame her for killing Rex. As her aunt makes it clear that she won't rest until she knows what Martin was up to, Beth bristles, worried that Cindy will discover she and James persuaded Martin to tell the police that Cindy was responsible.

On Wednesday, Ro arranges a memorial for Rex, but after Ste clashes with James, it's left to newcomer Abigail to share some words for the late mechanic she seemingly barely knew. And there's a big shock when Dee Dee later catches teacher Abigail crying in her car. Meanwhile, Cindy steps up her quest for answers, by borrowing Darren's taxi and taking Martin's son Xander for an unexpected joyride.

HOLLYOAKS **AIRS MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY 7PM E4, WITH EPISODES STREAMING ON CHANNEL 4 FROM 7AM**

HOME AND AWAY

HOME AND AWAY **AIRS WEEKDAYS 6.30PM ON 5STAR WITH EPISODES STREAMING ON 5 FROM 6AM**

FOOD FOR FAULT

While Marilyn's happy to look past Zane's criminal history, Leah and Alf are more suspicious. So Alf decides to get to know Zane to try to find out what they're dealing with. He invites him to dinner at Salt, but Marilyn insists on coming along too. Alf digs into Zane's past, and, despite Marilyn trying to steer the subject on to something else, Zane opens up. He admits that as a teen, he broke into a house, armed with a baseball bat. Only he was caught by someone living in the house and, in a panic, swung the bat, badly injuring the owner's young daughter.

Understandably, the news shocks Alf and Marilyn, but Marilyn's adamant that Zane deserves a second chance, eventually convincing Leah to give him a trial shift at the Diner. However, Alf then gets in Leah's ear about watching out for Zane, and Leah ends up laying into him for some simple mistakes. After overhearing a frank conversation between Leah and Marilyn, Zane flees Summer Bay, leaving a note for Marilyn, who's furious when she finds out what's happened – and ends up quitting her job at the Diner!

BEAU AND HARROWING

Sonny and Beau think they've got away with their actions, but when Tane and Cash want answers about the drugs raid, Sonny decides to keep schtum, leaving Dana confused. She later grills Sonny on why he doesn't reveal who sold him the steroids she thinks he didn't take (if only she knew!). But Sonny manages to distract Dana by going engagement-ring shopping. However, when Dana runs into Remi, he insinuates that Sonny's keeping secrets, while also confiding in Eden.

Meanwhile, Harper and Beau return, and she tries to cover her bruised face. At first, Beau's sorry and loving, but when he finds out Harper heard him say on the phone that he wants someone 'taken care of', Beau flips.

The person in question? Remi, who ends up in hospital badly beaten up. Sonny rushes to see Remi, but Eden spots him and goes ballistic, exposing him. However, they don't realise Dana's there to hear all of Sonny's lies *and* Harper's new boyfriend's involvement. Uh-oh!

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

BBC1

HD: Freeview 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101 FreeSat 101

6.00 am Breakfast (S)
8.40 Match Of The Day (R,S)
10.00 Prayer And Reflection (R,S)
10.30 NEW Sunday Morning Live Topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues. (S)
11.30 Money For Nothing The team transforms an old washstand, a sofa and vintage clothing. (R,S)
12.15 Bargain Hunt Christina Trevanion hosts. (R,S)

8pm Darkest Hour

1.00 BBC News (S)
1.15 Songs Of Praise (S)
1.50 Escape To The Country In West Yorkshire. (R,S)
2.15 FILM Shaun The Sheep Movie Animation, featuring the voice of Justin Fletcher. (2015) ★★★★★ (S)
3.35 Hamza: Strictly Birds Of Prey (R,S)
4.35 Homes Under The Hammer Property auctions. (R,S)
5.35 BBC News (S)
5.50 BBC Regional News (S)
6.00 Countryfile (S)
7.00 Antiques Roadshow: VJ Day Special (2/19) Special episode marking the 80th anniversary of VJ Day. (R,S)
8.00 FILM Darkest Hour Winston Churchill rallies Britain as Germany advances across western Europe. Period drama, starring Gary Oldman and Lily James. (2017) ★★★★★ (S)
10.00 BBC News At Ten (S)
10.25 BBC Regional News (S)
10.30 Match Of The Day Highlights of the latest Premier League matches, featuring Brighton & Hove Albion v Aston Villa. (S)
11.30 FILM Edge Of Darkness Thriller, starring Mel Gibson. (2010) ★★★★ (S) Followed by **Weather For The Week Ahead**
1.20-6am BBC News (S)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

BBC ONE WALES As main BBC ONE except: 4.35pm The Travelling Auctioneers **5.05-5.35pm** Best Of Weatherman Walking

BBC2

HD: Freeview 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102 FreeSat 102

8.00 am Breakfast (S)
9.00 Best Of Weatherman Walking (S)
9.30 Beechgrove Garden (S)
10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites Series highlights. (R,S)
11.30 Caribbean Food Made Easy (R,S)
12.00 Lorraine Pascale: How To Be A Better Cook (R,S)
12.30 Simple Suppers (R,S)
12.45 LIVE Gymnastics: European Championships 2026 (S)

10pm Jaws

4.10 LIVE Athletics: Diamond League Silesia The Kamila Skolimowska Memorial. (S)
5.00 Fake Or Fortune? What Happened Next (R,S)
6.00 The Big Deal With Steph McGovern (R,S)
7.00 Today At The Test England v Pakistan. Action from the fifth day of the first Test in the three-match series, held at Headingley Cricket Ground in Leeds. (S)
8.00 Blue Planet Revisited: A Shark's Tale (1/2) Steve Backshall discovers why the Bahamas provide a sanctuary for sharks, looking at the protection offered, people's changing attitudes and the role science plays in conservation. (R,S)
9.00 Why Sharks Attack An investigation into recent strange shark behaviour following attacks in Egypt. (R,S)
10.00 FILM Jaws Steven Spielberg's thriller, starring Roy Scheider. (1975) ★★★★★ (S)
12.00 Murder Trial: Death Of A Dog Walker (R,S)
1.00 Sign Zone: Buried With Michael Sheen (R,S,SL)
2.00 Ann Droid (R,S,SL)
2.30-3.30am Murder Trial: Death Of A Dog Walker (R,S,SL)

BBC TWO WALES As main BBC TWO except: 6pm Insect Worlds **6.30-7pm** SOS: Extreme Rescues **S4C 6am** Cyw **9.00** Y Cosmos **10.00** Radio Fa'ma **11.00** Garddio A Mwy **11.30** Cartrefi Cymru **12noon** Natur Cymru **1pm** Yr Afon **2.00** Iaith Ar Daith **3.00** Priodas Pum Mil **4.00** Arfordir Cymru: Sir Benfro **4.35** Y Fets **5.40** Cefn Gwlad **6.40** Pobol Y Cwm Omnibws **7.45** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Sioe Sir Benfro 2026 **9.00** Cynefin **10.00** Y Babell Lên 2026 **10.30** Y Babell Lên 2026 **11.00-11.35pm** Nol O'r Dibyn Gyda Iolo Williams

ITV1

HD: Freeview 103 Sky 103 Virgin 103 FreeSat 103

6.00 am The Voice UK (R,S)
7.00 James Martin's Saturday Morning With the Shires and Alexis Ffrench. (R,S)
9.25 ITV News (S)
9.30 Love Your Weekend With Alan Titchmarsh (R,S)
11.30 NEW The Joy Of Pets A celebration of the UK's love of pets. (S)
12.30 Tom Kerridge Cooks Italy Tom explores Sicily's citrus heritage. (R,S)

11.30am The Joy Of Pets

1.00 ITV News (S)
1.10 Force Of Nature (R,S)
2.15 FILM For Your Eyes Only James Bond spy thriller, starring Roger Moore. (1981) ★★★ (S)
4.40 The Chase Celebrity Special (R,S)
5.40 The Chase Around The World (R,S)
6.35 ITV News (S)
6.50 Regional News (S)
7.00 Force Of Nature (5/6) Andrew Lincoln narrates a look at how new extremes of heat and drought are pushing the extraordinary behavioural and physical adaptations of wombats, leopards and kangaroo rats. (S)
8.00 FILM No Time To Die James Bond sets off on the trail of an enigmatic villain armed with lethal new technology. Action thriller, starring Daniel Craig in his fifth and final outing as 007. (2021) ★★★★ (S)
11.00 ITV News (S)
11.20 NEW One Dollar (1/10) Mystery thriller, starring John Carroll Lynch. (S)
12.20 The Staircase (S)
1.20 Shop On TV
3.00 Motorsport UK (R,S)
3.50 Unwind With ITV (S)
5.05-6am Dickinson's Real Deal In Telford. (R,S,SL)

CHANNEL 4

HD: Freeview 104 Sky 104 Virgin 104 FreeSat 104
Wales HD: Freeview 110 Sky 108 Virgin 108 FreeSat 106

6.00 am Cheers (R,S)
7.20 Everybody Loves Raymond Two episodes. (R,S)
8.15 FILM Tad The Lost Explorer And The Curse Of The Mummy Animation with the voice of Oscar Barberan. (2022) ★★★ (S)
10.00 Sunday Brunch With Sunetra Sarker, Chris Ramsey, Tamzin Outhwaite, Kevin Bishop and Laurie Vincent. (S)

9pm The Piano: The Final

1.00 The Dog House (R,S)
2.00 Our Farm Next Door: Amanda, Clive And Kids Documentary. (R,S)
3.05 Worst House On The Street In Bristol. (R,S)
4.10 Location, Location, Location (R,S)
5.15 Devon And Cornwall (R,S)
6.00 C4 News (S)
6.30 F1: Dutch Grand Prix Highlights (S)
9.00 The Piano: The Final (7/7) Claudia Winkleman, Mika, and Alice Sara Ott head for the Birmingham Symphony Hall, where six amateur pianists perform at a sold-out concert. (S)
10.00 Gogglebox The armchair critics share their opinions on shows including Stranger Things, Strictly Come Dancing, Celebrity Scam Interceptors, Malice and Songs of Praise. (R,S)
11.05 FILM Boston Strangler Reporters Loretta McLaughlin and Jean Cole encounter sexism while investigating the Boston Strangler murders of the 1960s. Drama, starring Keira Knightley. (2023) ★★★★ (S)
1.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R,S,SL)
1.55-2.50am Surgery Secrets Of The Super Rich (R,S)

CHANNEL 5

HD: Freeview 105 Sky 105 Virgin 105 FreeSat 105

6.00 am Milkshake! Followed by **Entertainment News On 5**
9.15 FILM Lemony Snicket's A Series Of Unfortunate Events Comedy adventure, starring Jim Carrey and Meryl Streep. (2004) ★★★★ (S)
11.10 Happy Campers: The Caravan Park (R,S)
12.05 Cruising With Susan Calman Susan explores Maori culture. (R,S)

8pm Inside The Four Seasons:...

1.05 Cruising With Susan Calman (R,S)
2.00 Hippo Watch With Steve Backshall (R,S)
3.00 Hippo Watch With Steve Backshall (R,S)
4.00 Stockholm With Michael Portillo (R,S)
5.30 When Motorways Go Horribly Wrong (R,S) Followed by **5 News Weekend**
7.00 Cycling: Vuelta A España 2026 Action from stage two, from the Place du Palais Princier in Monaco to Manosque, France. (S)
8.00 Inside The Four Seasons: Park Lane (4/5) A fire at Heathrow wreaks havoc on the hotel's room occupancy. (S)
9.00 Rich House, Poor House Two West Yorkshire families with a passion for upcycling swap lives. (R,S)
10.00 When Honeymoons Go Horribly Wrong (4/5) A newlywed is bitten by a shark in the Bahamas. (R,S)
11.30 Britain's Worst Weather Disasters (2/2) A look at the catastrophic floods of 1953. (R,S) Followed by **Entertainment News On 5**
1.00 Cruise TV With LoveitBookit The latest deals. (R,S)
2.00-2.50am GPs: Behind Closed Doors Medical cases. (R,S)

SUNDAY'S TOP TV

ITV2

11.50am Deal Or No Deal **12.50** The Voice UK **2.05** Celebrity Catchphrase **3.05 FILM!** Ella Enchanted. Fantasy adventure, starring Anne Hathaway, Hugh Dancy, Cary Elwes, Minnie Driver and Joanna Lumley. (2004) **5.00 FILM!** Nanny McPhee. Period fantasy adventure, starring Emma Thompson, Colin Firth and Kelly Macdonald. (2005) **6.55 FILM!** Coyote Ugly (2000) **9.00 NEW EPISODE!** The Only Way Is Essex. Junaid and Joe's engagement announcement to the group is met with mixed reactions. **10.00** Olivia Attwood: The Price Of Perfection **11.00** Family Guy **12.05** American Dad! **1.05** Plebs **1.35** G'wed **2.00** Changing Ends **2.25-3am** Unwind With ITV

ITV3

12noon Poirot **2.10** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Vera. Murder mystery. **11.50** Wycliffe **12.55** The Dark **2.00** George And Mildred **2.25-2.30am** Unwind With ITV

ITV4

11am LIVE SPORT! British Touring Car Championship. Coverage from Donington Park. **6.15** Snooker V Darts **6.30** Made In Britain **7.00** The Motorbike Show **8.00** Cycling: Women's Tour Of Britain Highlights **9.00 FILM!** Apollo 13. Fact-based drama, starring Tom Hanks. (1995) **11.50 NEW EPISODE!** The Summit Australia **1.05** Minder **2.05-3am** Two And A Half Men

BBC THREE

7pm EastEnders **9.00** Vigil. Amy's fitness to carry on with the investigation is called into question. **9.55** Vigil. The submarine is forced into lockdown as disaster strikes. **10.50** Vigil. The crew must identify the traitor to avert disaster. Last in the series. **11.50** Not Going Out **12.15** Not Going Out **12.45** Not Going Out **1.15** Not Going Out **1.45** Not Going Out **2.15-2.45am** Not Going Out

BBC Three 9pm Vigil

BBC FOUR

7pm The Lake District: A Wild Year **8.00 NEW!** Mozart At The Proms **9.25 NEW!** What Has The BBC Ever Done For Me?. Romesh Ranganathan asks the big question. **9.30** The Art Of The Vikings: Secret Knowledge. Exploring the effects of Viking culture on the British Isles. **10.00** Copenhagen: The Prologue **10.10** Copenhagen. A 2002 adaptation of Michael Frayn's play, starring Daniel Craig. **11.40** Mark Lawson Talks To Michael Frayn. An interview with the playwright and novelist. **12.40** The Lake District: A Wild Year **1.40-3.05am** Mozart At The Proms

E4

11.45am The Simpsons **12.45 FILM!** Antz (1998) **2.25 FILM!** Home Alone (1990) **4.35** Cruising Paradise: Above And Below Deck **5.35 NEW EPISODE!** Lego Masters Australia **6.50 FILM!** The Devil Wears Prada (2006) **9.00** Celebrity Gogglebox **10.00 FILM!** Bad Boys For Life. Action sequel, starring Will Smith and Martin Lawrence. (2020) **12.25** Gogglebox **2.30** Below Deck **4.00** Modern Family **4.25-6am** Hollyoaks Omnibus

MORE4

12noon A Place In The Sun **3.50** Come Dine With Me **6.20** Four In A Bed **9.00** Surgeons: Life In Their Hands. A 44-year-old mum from Orange is confronted with a life-changing diagnosis. **10.00** Police Rescue. Following Australian police rescue teams. **11.00** 24 Hours In A&E **1.10** Surgeons: Life In Their Hands **2.15** Police Rescue **3.20-3.45am** The Perfect Pitch

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

FILM4

11am Dora And The Lost City Of Gold (2019) **1.05** The Lost World (1960) **3.00** The Son Of Robin Hood (1958) **4.40** Von Ryan's Express (1965) **7.00** The Greatest Showman. Musical drama, starring Hugh Jackman. (2017) **9.00** The Mechanic (2011) **10.50** Transporter 3 (2008) **12.55-3.15am** Official Competition (2021)

U&DAVE

7.10am Top Gear **8.00** Yukon Gold **11.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race 2023 **1.00** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **3.00** The Hairy Bikers' Chicken And Egg **5.00** Would I Lie To You? **7.00** Guy Martin: Proper Jobs **8.00** Pete Wicks: For Dogs' Sake **9.00** Have I Got A Bit More News For You. Roy Wood Jr hosts. **10.00** QI **10.40** Mock The Week **12.00** Live At The Apollo **1.00** QI XL **2.00-4am** Parks And Recreation

5USA

9am Cops **9.20** Blue Bloods **1.55** Columbo **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **1.55-3.50am** NCIS: Los Angeles

5STAR

7.30am EFOLDi Mobility Scooters **8.00** Friends **10.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **11.00** Car Pound Cops **1.00** Traffic Cops **5.00** Police Interceptors **9.00** Trauma Room One **10.00** Surgeons: A Matter Of Life Or Death **11.00** A&E After Dark **12.00** Killer On The Run **1.00** Sleeping with My Murderer **2.00** Skin A&E **2.50** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **3.35-4am** Friends

SKY MIX

6am Border Patrol **7.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **9.00** UK Border Force **10.00** Nothing To Declare **12.00** Caught On Dashcam **2.00** Police 24/7 **4.00** NEW EPISODE! Wildlife ER **5.00** NEW EPISODE! The Kimberley: Australia's Wild West **6.00** NEW EPISODE! Wolves And Lions: Old Enemies **7.00** Caught Red Handed **9.00** Forensics: Catching The Killer **11.00** Caught On Dashcam **1.00** Killer In My Village **2.00** Motorway Patrol **4.00-6am** Border Patrol

REALLY

6am Fantasy Homes By The Sea **8.00** Fantasy Homes By The Sea **10.00** Derelict Rescue **11.00** My Lottery Dream Home **3.00** Escape To The Country **5.00** A Place In The Sun **9.00** Long Lost Family. Re-uniting family. **10.00** Who Do You Think You Are? **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **4.00-6am** My Lottery Dream Home

U&W

6.10am Classic Neighbours **11.00** My Family **1.00** The Supervet: Noel Fitzpatrick **6.00** Inside The Ambulance **8.00** Inside The Operating Theatre **10.00** Brit Cops Down Under **12.00** Stacey Dooley Sleeps Over **1.00-3am** Property Brothers At Home

U&YESTERDAY

6.10am Abandoned Engineering **8.00** Great Continental Railway Journeys

Sky Sports Main Event 4pm Super Sunday

10.00 Great Canal Journeys **12.00** Canal Boat Diaries **3.00** Russia With Simon Reeve **5.00** 1066: A Year To Conquer England **7.00** Portillo's Empire Journey **8.00** Bangers & Cash **9.00** Bangers & Cash **10.00** Canal Boat Diaries **1.00** Flipping Bangers **2.00-3am** Abandoned Engineering

TALKING PICTURES

6am FILM! The Naked Hills (1956) **7.30** The Lucy Show **8.00** Sherlock Holmes **8.35** FILM! Links Of Justice (1958) **9.55** FILM! Child In The House (1956) **11.35** Look At Life **11.45** Batman **12.20** FILM! Lord Jim (1964) **3.20** Look At Life **3.30** For The Love Of Ada **4.00** The Man From UNCLE **5.00** The Footage Detectives **6.00** FILM! Mr Denning Drives North (1951) **7.50** Look At Life **8.00** Play For Today: The Flipside Of Dominick Hyde **9.50** FILM! Confessions From A Holiday Camp. Comedy, starring Robin Askwith. (1977) **11.35** The Heritage Chart Show **12.40** FILM! The Big Trees (1952) **2.30** FILM! A Hole Lot Of Trouble (1971) **3.05** A Lifetime Ago With The Baim Collection **3.30** The Rogues **4.30** The Adventures Of Robin Hood **5.00** The Buccaneers **5.30-6am** Supercar

SKY ATLANTIC

6am The Guest Wing **8.00** Billions **10.00** Homicide: Life On The Street **4.00** Possession **9.00** The Terror: Devil In Silver **11.10** The Iris Affair **12.15** Homicide: Life On The Street **4.10-6am** Urban Secrets

SKY WITNESS

6am A1: Britain's Longest Road **7.00** Caught Red Handed **9.00** Customs UK **10.00** Stop, Search, Seize **11.00** Border Patrol **12.00** Nothing To Declare UK **1.00** UK Border Force **2.00** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Caught On Dashcam **10.00** The Rookie **11.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **12.00** FBI **2.00** NEW EPISODE! Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A boy is in grave danger. **3.00** The Good Doctor **4.00** A1: Britain's Longest Road **5.00-6am** Road Wars

U&GOLD

7.25am Dad's Army **9.40** Gavin & Stacey **10.20** The Royle Family **11.40** Blackadder: The Lost Pilot **1.00** Hi-De-Hi! **2.00** The Royle Family **3.20-4am** Mrs Brown's Boys

COMEDY CENTRAL

8am The Comedy Bus **8.35** Mr Bean **9.30** Friends **5.30** Mr Bean **6.30** FILM! Maverick. Comedy Western, with Mel Gibson (1994) **9.00** FILM! Con Air. Action thriller, starring Nicolas Cage and John Malkovich. (1997) **11.15** Jimmy Carr's Am I The A**hole? **12.15** 8 Out Of 10 Cats **1.05** 8 Out Of 10 Cats: Best Bits **1.55** The Comedy Bus **2.25** Dragony Aunts **2.40** Russell Howard: Right Here Right Now **3.30** Jimmy Carr's Am I The A**hole? **4.15-5am** Stupid Central

SKY COMEDY

8am Sort Of **8.25** Will & Grace **11.00** The Office Movers **12.00** Two Weeks To Live **1.30** Community **4.00** Will & Grace **6.30** The US Office **9.00** Stewart Lee, Basic Lee: Live At The Lowry **10.45** FILM! Warm Bodies. Comedy horror, with Nicholas Hoult. (2013) **12.30** Two Weeks To Live **3.30-5am** Sort Of

SKY ONE

6am Monkey Life **7.15** FILM! Alvin And The Chipmunks. Children's comedy. (2007) **9.00** F1 **11.00** The Simpsons **1.00** David Attenborough's Global Adventure **2.00** David Attenborough's Global Adventure: Home Planet **3.00** David Attenborough's Global Adventure: The Rise Of Nature **4.00** Best Medicine **5.00** F1 **6.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Rob & Romesh Vs K-Pop **9.00** FILM! Homefront. Crime thriller, starring Jason Statham. (2013) **11.00** Chris Ramsey: Live From London **12.00** The Walking Dead: Dead City **1.00** The Force: Manchester **3.00** Road Wars **5.00-6am** Highway Patrol

SKY SCI-FI

6am Most Haunted **11.00** Stargate SG-1 **4.00** Stargate Atlantis **9.00** Stargate Universe **11.00** FILM! The Lawnmower Man (1992) **1.30-4.20am** The Walking Dead

DISCOVERY

6am Wheeler Dealers **12.00** Building Off The Grid **2.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **7.00** NEW SERIES! Homestead Rescue: Intervention. The Raneys are called by a concerned uncle to save a stubborn Alaskan family facing bears. **9.00** Barnwood Builders **10.00** In The Eye Of The Storm **11.00** Mighty Truckers **12.00** Kindig Customs **3.00-5am** American Chopper

TLC

7am Young Sheldon **10.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Georgie And Mandy's First Marriage **9.00** Mock The Week. An end of series special. **10.00** Unacceptable **11.00** Mock The Week **12.00** Young Sheldon **12.30** Dr Pimple Popper: Breaking Out **2.30** Say Yes To The Dress: UK **3.00** My 600lb Life **5.00-6am** Say Yes To The Dress

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

6.35am Song Sung Blue (2025) **8.50** Hamnet (2025) **11.00** Tom And Jerry: Forbidden Compass (2025) **12.40** Charlie The Wonderdog (2025) **2.25** Twinless (2025)

Sky Cinema Premiere 5.45pm Hamnet

4.10 Normal (2026) **5.45** Hamnet (2025) **8.00** Five Nights At Freddy's 2 (2025) **9.50** Heretic. Horror, starring Hugh Grant. (2024) **11.50** Normal (2026) **1.30** Primate (2025) **3.05** Love Me (2024) **4.45** Sky Cinema Preview **5.30-7.05am** Looney Tunes: The Day The Earth Blew Up (2024)

SKY CINEMA COMEDY

7.10am Hitch (2005) **9.15** Pitch Perfect (2012) **11.10** Pitch Perfect 2 (2015) **1.05** Pitch Perfect 3 (2017) **2.40** Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (2013) **4.40** The Wedding Singer (1998) **6.20** Little Fockers (2010) **8.00** Central Intelligence (2016) **9.50** Bridget Jones: Mad About The Boy. With Renee Zellweger. (2025) **11.55** Bridesmaids (2011) **2.00** Risky Business (1983) **3.40** Seven Psychopaths (2012) **5.35-7.20am** Blue Moon (2025)

SKY CINEMA ACTION

6am The Expendables (2010) **8.00** The Expendables 2 (2012) **10.00** The Expendables 3 (2014) **12.10** Cellular (2004) **2.00** The Meg (2018) **4.00** The Italian Job (2003) **6.00** The Beekeeper (2024) **8.00** The Expendables (2010) **10.00** The Expendables 2 (2012) **11.50** The Expendables 3 (2014) **2.00** The Beekeeper (2024) **3.50** The Italian Job (2003) **5.45-6.30am** Sky Cinema Preview

GREAT! MYSTERY

8am Good News On GREAT! Extra **8.10** Diagnosis Murder **9.10** FILM! Murder, She Baked: A Plum Pudding Mystery (2015) **11.00** Murder, She Wrote **9.00** FILM! Morning Show Mysteries: Murder On The Menu (2018) **9.56** Good News On GREAT! **10.55** The Chronicle Mysteries: Deep End **11.51** Good News On GREAT! **12.50** FILM! The Wrong Babysitter (2017) **1.46** Good News On GREAT! **2.40** FILM! Dispatch (2015) **4.05** Diagnosis Murder **4.50-5am** Good News On GREAT! Extra

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

11.30am LIVE SPORT! EFL. West Bromwich Albion v Burnley. Kick-off at **12.00**. **1.00** LIVE SPORT! Premier League. Manchester City v Bournemouth. Kick-off at **2.00**. Coverage of the top-flight match at Etihad Stadium. **4.00** LIVE SPORT! Super Sunday. Newcastle United v Liverpool. Kick-off at **4.30**. **7.30** LIVE SPORT! PGA Tour Golf. The BMW Championship. **11.00** LIVE SPORT! Tennis. The Cincinnati Open men's final. **11.30** LIVE SPORT! Tennis. The Cincinnati Open women's final. **2.00** LIVE SPORT! NFL. Tennessee Titans v Seattle Seahawks. Kick-off at **1.00**. **4.45-6am** Sky Sports Catch Up

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

11.30am LIVE SPORT! EFL. West Bromwich Albion v Burnley. Kick-off at **12.00**. **2.30** EFL Highlights **5.30** EFL Cup Highlights **6.00** EFL Highlights **7.00** EFL League One Goals **7.30** EFL League Two Goals **8.00** EFL **10.00** EFL Highlights **11.00** EFL League One Goals **11.30** EFL League Two Goals **12.00** EFL **3.00** SPFL Highlights **3.30** EFL Greatest Games **4.00-6am** Championship Retro

TNT SPORTS 1

11am LIVE SPORT! Women's Cycling World Tour. Coverage of the fifth and final stage of the Lloyds Tour of Britain. **3.00** LIVE SPORT! La Vuelta Men. Coverage of stage two of the Grand Tour race. **5.00** CPL Highlights **5.30** T100 Triathlon World Tour Highlights **6.00** The WRC Magazine **6.30** Serie A **7.30** LIVE SPORT! Serie A. Torino v AC Milan. Kick-off at **7.45**. **9.45** TNT Sports Reload **10.00** Snooker Wuhan Open **12.00** LIVE SPORT! MLB. Milwaukee Brewers v Atlanta Braves. Start-time at **12.00**. **3.00** TNT Sports Reload **3.15** Serie A **4.15** Test Cricket Highlights **5.15am-1.30pm** LIVE SPORT! Test Cricket. Sri Lanka v India.

TNT SPORTS 2

10am LIVE SPORT! AFL. West Coast Eagles v Hawthorn. Bounce-up at **10.20**. **1.00** LIVE SPORT! SailGP. Coverage from day two of the Rockwool Germany Sail Grand Prix in Sassnitz. **2.30** LIVE SPORT! Men's Cycling Pro Series. Coverage of the fourth and final stage of the Lidl Deutschland Tour, a 156.2km circuit starting and finishing in Heilbronn. **3.30** Ultimate Pool **5.00** LIV Golf **6.30** LIVE SPORT! LIV Golf. Coverage of the fourth and final round at LIV Golf Indianapolis, the final solo event of the season at The Club at Chatham Hills. **12.30** UFC **3.30** The WRC Magazine **4.00-6am** Snooker Wuhan Open

TNT SPORTS 3

1.30pm LIVE SPORT! La Vuelta Men. Coverage of stage two of the Grand Tour race. **5.00** British Superbikes Highlights **6.00** Fishing: On The Bank **7.00** Test Cricket Highlights **8.00** TNT Sports Reload **8.15** LIVE SPORT! MLB. Boston Red Sox v San Francisco Giants. Start-time at **8.10**. **11.00** CPL Highlights **11.30** LIVE SPORT! CPL. Antigua & Barbuda Falcons v Guyana Amazon Warriors. **3.45** TNT Sports Cricket Reload **5.15-6am** UEFA Champions League – Stories Of The Finals

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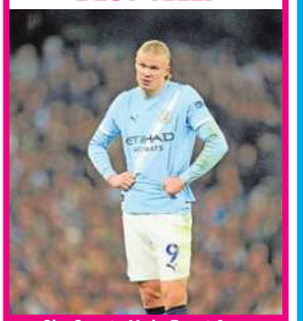

Sky Sports Main Event 1pm Premier League

E4 6.50pm The Devil Wears Prada

ITV2 6.55pm Coyote Ugly

U&Dave 8pm Pete Wicks: For Dogs' Sake

Sky Atlantic 9pm The Terror: Devil In Silver

Sky One 9pm Homefront

MONDAY 24 AUGUST

BBC1

HD: Freeview 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101 FreeSat 101

6.00 am Breakfast (S)
9.30 Morning Live: Top Tips And Best Bits Highlights from series eight. (S)
10.30 Garden Rescue (R,S)
11.15 Homes Under The Hammer Properties are appraised in Cornwall, Tyne and Wear and the West Midlands. (R,S)
12.15 Bargain Hunt Charlie Ross has two cheeky challenges for the teams at Ardingly antiques fair. (S)

7.30pm EastEnders

1.00 BBC News At One (S)
2.00 Money For Nothing (S)
2.45 Escape To The Country (S)
3.30 The Repair Shop (R,S)
4.30 The Answer Run (R,S)
5.15 Pointless (R,S)
6.00 BBC News At Six (S)
6.30 BBC Regional News (S)
7.00 The One Show Roman Kemp and Lauren Laverne present topical stories and celebrity chat. (S)
7.30 SOAP EastEnders Priya and Jean join forces in a bid to uncover the truth. (S)
8.00 Sort Your Life Out With Stacey Solomon (1/7) The Appleyard family enlist the help of Stacey and her team in decluttering their home and letting go of half of their belongings. (R,S)
9.00 Death In Paradise (8/9) A prestigious chess match ends in murder, while the Commissioner is confronted with his past by the very last person he was expecting to see. (R,S)
10.00 BBC News At Ten (S)
10.30 BBC Regional News (S)
10.40 Have I Got News For You (7/10) Stephen Mangan hosts, with Andy Hamilton and Chloe Petts. (R,S)
11.10 FILM Emily Drama, starring Emma Mackey and Adrian Dunbar. (2022) ★★★ (S)
1.15-6am BBC News (S)

BBC2

HD: Freeview 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102 FreeSat 102

6.15 am The Answer Run Quiz, with Jason Manford. (R,S)
7.00 Sign Zone: The Repair Shop A cherished 1966 World Cup mascot. (R,S,SL)
8.00 Match Of The Day Premier League highlights, including Brighton & Hove Albion v Aston Villa, Manchester City v Bournemouth and Newcastle United v Liverpool. (R,S)
9.00 BBC News (S)

9pm Buried With Michael Sheen

1.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games (R,S)
1.30 The Edge (R,S)
2.15 Do You Know Your Place? Vernon Kay hosts. (R,S)
2.45 Animal Park (R,S)
3.30 Serengeti II (R,S)
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow (R,S)
5.15 Flog It! (R,S)
6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games (R,S)
6.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys (R,S)
7.00 Global Eye Investigations from BBC correspondents all over the world. (S)
7.30 Mastermind (6/31) Specialist subjects include the Tour de France and George Harrison. (S)
8.00 Only Connect (7/34) (S)
8.30 University Challenge (7/37) Pembroke College, Cambridge takes on St Andrews. (S)
9.00 NEW Buried With Michael Sheen (2/2) Michael's search leads him to Ruabon in north Wales. (S)
10.00 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing (5/6) (R,S)
10.30 Newsnight (S) Then **Weather**
11.05 FILM Jaws 2 Thriller sequel, starring Roy Scheider. (1978) ★★★ (S)
12.55 Sign Zone: Countryfile In Cumbria. (R,S,SL)
1.50-2.45am Bergerac (R,S,SL)

ITV1

HD: Freeview 103 Sky 103 Virgin 103 FreeSat 103

6.00 am Good Morning Britain Morning magazine featuring a lively mix of news and current affairs, plus health, entertainment and lifestyle features. (S)
10.00 This Morning An entertaining morning magazine filled with a mix of celebrity chat, lifestyle features, advice and competitions. Including Local Weather. (S)

9pm Long Lost Family: Born...

1.30 ITV Lunchtime News (S)
1.55 Regional News (S)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal (R,S)
3.00 Deal Or No Deal (R,S)
4.00 Tipping Point (R,S)
5.00 The Chase (R,S)
6.00 Regional News (S)
6.30 ITV Evening News (S)
7.30 Fletchers' Family Farm (4/10) Documentary. (R,S)
8.00 SOAP Emmerdale It is Joe and Dawn's wedding day, while Caleb is delighted at a plan coming together. (S)
8.30 SOAP Coronation Street Tim confesses, while Todd discovers Celeste's connection to Bernie. (S)
9.00 Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace – What Happened Next Sisters who were both abandoned as babies. (S)
10.00 ITV News (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.45 FILM Rush Hour An overly zealous Hong Kong detective investigating a kidnapping in Los Angeles is teamed with a loud-mouthed local cop. Comedy adventure, with Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker. (1998) ★★★ (S)
12.25 Shop On TV
3.00 The Staircase (R,S,SL)
4.00 Unwind With ITV (S)
5.10-6am Dickinson's Real Deal From Oldham. (R,S,SL)

CHANNEL 4

HD: Freeview 104 Sky 104 Virgin 104 FreeSat 104
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6.30 am The King Of Queens Triple bill. (R,S)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Triple bill. (R,S)
9.10 Frasier (R,S)
11.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA Helping an Indian restaurant in New York. (R,S)
12.05 C4 News (S)
12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Henry Cole and Simon O'Brien head to Staffordshire. (R,S)

8pm Martin & Roman's Irish Road...

1.10 The Great House Giveaway Complete strangers Sarah and Paige transform a crumbling house. (R,S)
2.10 Countdown (S)
3.00 A Place In The Sun (R,S)
4.00 The Great B&B Challenge The second heat week begins, and three new couples take the keys. (R,S)
5.00 Château DIY (R,S)
6.00 American Pickers (R,S)
7.00 C4 News (S)
8.00 Martin & Roman's Irish Road Trip (3/3) Martin and Roman Kemp head to snowy Northern Ireland, diving into Selkie myths, vampire legends, hurling, haunted hotels and Derry's Halloween festival. (S)
9.00 Celebrity Hunted (7/8) Two runners make a high-risk appearance at Bristol Pride. (S)
10.00 Secret Lives Of Gypsy Wives (6/6) Trewley's sister Pearly tries on wedding dresses. (S)
11.05 Celebrity Gogglebox (1/6) From June 2024. (R,S)
12.05 Emergency Helicopter Medics (R,S)
1.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R,S,SL)
1.55-3.40am FILM Dirt Music Drama, starring Kelly Macdonald and Garrett Hedlund. (2019) ★★★ (S)

CHANNEL 5

HD: Freeview 104 Sky 105 Virgin 105 FreeSat 105

6.00 am Milkshake!
9.15 Jeremy Vine The broadcaster and guests discuss the issues of the day, with phone-ins. (S)
11.30 Storm & Alexis Discussion, presented by Storm Huntley and Alexis Conran. (S) Followed by **5 News**
12.50 Matt Allwright Debate on the day's biggest stories, and consumer advice to help viewers save money. (S)

8pm Street Cops: Catching The Yobs

2.20 FILM A View To Kill For Thriller, starring Tiffany Montgomery and Samuel Whitten. (2023) ★★★ (S)
4.00 Castle (R,S)
4.55 Love Nature (R,S)
5.00 5 News With Dan Walker (S)
6.00 Motorhoming With Merton & Webster Paul Merton and Suki Webster head to Cornwall. (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**
7.00 Cycling: Vuelta A España 2026 Action from stage three. (S) Followed by **5 News Update**
8.00 Street Cops: Catching The Yobs A rapid response unit of armed officers are called to Northampton high street. (S)
9.00 Fare Dodgers: At War With The Law In north London, TfL investigators prepare to track down a suspected serial fare evader. (S)
10.00 Police Interceptors: Taking Down The Shoplifting Gangs (4/4) Officers question two people suspected of being tied to UK-wide shop thefts. (R,S)
11.05 Traffic Cops (9/20) Officers are out in force protecting lorry drivers. (R,S)
12.05 Police Interceptors (R,S)
1.00 Cruise TV With LoveitBookit
2.00-2.50am GPs: Behind Closed Doors (R,S)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

BBC ONE WALES As main BBC ONE except: 9.00-10pm Buried With Michael Sheen **BBC TWO WALES As main BBC TWO except: 9.00-10pm** Death In Paradise **S4C 6am** Cyw **12noon** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **12.05pm** Richard Holt: Yr Academi Felys **12.30** Heno **1.00** Straeon Harri Parri **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Miwsig Fy Mywyd **4.00** Awr Fawr: Blwi **4.10** Awr Fawr: Sam Tan **4.20** Awr Fawr: Anifeiliaid Bach Y Byd **4.30** Awr Fawr: Crawc A'i Ffrindiau **4.40** Awr Fawr: Dal Dy Ddannedd **5.00** Stwnsh: Dennis A Dannedd **5.10** Stwnsh: Byd Rwtsh Dai Potsh **5.25** Stwnsh: Bwystfil **5.35** Stwnsh: He-Man A Meistri'r Bydysawd **6.00** Arfordir Cymru: Sir Benfro **6.30-6.59** Lowri Morgan: Her 333 **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Sgwrs Dan Y Lloer **8.25** Garddio A Mwy **8.55** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **9.00** Cefn Gwlad **9.58** Y Tywydd **10.05** Y Deis **10.35-11.40pm** Y Fets

FREEVIEW AND SATELLITE CHANNELS

ITV2

11.10am Charmed **12.10** Deal Or No Deal **1.10** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep **2.10** The Floor **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex **4.10** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **5.00** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** The Floor **8.00** The 1% Club Rollover **9.00 NEW EPISODE!** The Only Way Is Essex. Junaid's outburst leaves Lauren questioning their friendship. **10.00** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.30** Plebs **2.00** Deep Fake Neighbour Wars **2.25-3am** Unwind With ITV

ITV3

11.30am Heartbeat **1.35** Midsomer Murders **3.35** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Lewis **11.50** Trial & Retribution **1.45** George And Mildred **2.15-2.30am** Unwind With ITV

ITV4

11.25am Robin Of Sherwood **12.25** Magnum, PI **2.35** The Memoirs Of Sherlock Holmes **3.45** Boon **4.50** The Professionals **5.55** Minder **7.00** River Monsters **8.00** The Motorbike Show **9.00 FILM** Six Bullets. Action thriller, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme. (2012) **11.20** Benidorm. Double bill. **12.20** Lost **1.15** Motorsport UK **2.10-3am** BattleBots

BBC THREE

7pm NEW EPISODE! The Catch Up **7.05** Deadly 60 **8.00** The Great British Sewing Bee. Sophie Willan hosts children's week. **9.00** Top Gear **10.00** Silent Witness **11.55 FILM** Monkey Man (2024) Action thriller, starring Dev Patel. **1.50** The Trouble With Kanye **3.05-4am** Vigil

BBC FOUR

7pm The Architecture The Railways Built **7.45** The Flying Gardener **8.00** Archaeology: A Secret History. Archaeological breakthroughs. **9.00** Mastermind **9.30** Call My Bluff **10.00** John Betjeman: The Last Laugh – Reputations. A 2001 profile of the former Poet Laureate. **11.05** Beside The Seaside: Bird's Eye View **11.55** Metroland **12.45** A Passion For Churches **1.35** The Flying Gardener **1.50** John Betjeman: The Last Laugh – Reputations **3.00-3.55am** Archaeology: A Secret History

E4

12noon The Simpsons **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **7.00 NEW EPISODE!** Hollyoaks **7.30** The Simpsons **8.00 NEW SERIES!** Ladies Of London: The New Reign **9.00 NEW EPISODE!** Below Deck Down Under **10.00** Gogglebox **11.00** First Dates **12.05** Naked Attraction **1.10** Below Deck Down Under **2.10** Ladies Of London: The New Reign **3.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **3.55** The Goldbergs **4.45-6am** Brooklyn Nine-Nine

MORE4

11.35am Four In A Bed **12.40** Come Dine With Me **3.20** Four In A Bed **5.50** Car S.O.S **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00 NEW EPISODE!** PopMaster TV **10.00** 24 Hours In A&E **12.10** 999: On The Front Line **1.15** 24 Hours In A&E **3.20-3.50am** The Perfect Pitch

FILM4

11am Charade (1963) **1.15** Howards End (1992) **4.05** Shenandoah (1965) **6.15** American Gangster Special **6.25** Moonfall (2022) **9.00** Public Enemies. Fact-based crime drama, starring Johnny Depp and Christian Bale. (2009) **11.45pm-3.10am** Heat (1995)

TALKING PICTURES

11.30am FILM The Dark Light (1951) **12.50** Look At Life **1.00** Richard The Lionheart **1.30 FILM** Hell Drivers (1957) **3.40 FILM** Window To The Sky (1967) **4.00** That's My Boy **4.35 FILM** Blanche Fury (1948) **6.35** The History Of Shippams In Chichester 1954 **7.00** The Footage Detectives **8.00** Maigret **9.55 FILM** Mort D'un Pourri. Crime thriller, starring Alain Delon. (1977) **12.25 FILM** Sea Of Sand (1958) **2.25 FILM** Svengali (1954) **4.05** Kent In The 1970s-Glimpses **4.25** The Veil **5.00-6am** The Man From UNCLE

GREAT! ACTION

1pm The Unit **2.00** Burn Notice **4.00 FILM** Seattle Superstorm (2012) **6.00** The Unit **7.00** Burn Notice **9.00 FILM** Hercules (2014) **11.05** The Avengers **12.05** The New Avengers **1.05** The Persuaders! **2.05 FILM** Collision Course (2012) **3.40** Coast Guard Alaska **4.25** Good News On GREAT! Extra **4.35** Air Rescue **5.50-6am** Good News On GREAT! Extra

TUESDAY 25 AUGUST

BBC1

HD: Freeview 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101 FreeSat 101

6.00 am Breakfast (S)
9.30 Morning Live: Top Tips And Best Bits The dangers of unregulated online pharmacies. (S)
10.30 Garden Rescue Charlie Dimmock revisits some of her favourite gardens. (R,S)
11.15 Homes Under The Hammer Properties in Derbyshire, Essex and Cheshire. (S)
12.15 Bargain Hunt From Hungerford, Berkshire. (R,S)

9pm Celebrity MasterChef

1.00 BBC News At One (S)
2.00 Money For Nothing (S)
2.45 Escape To The Country (S)
3.30 The Repair Shop (R,S)
4.30 The Answer Run (R,S)
5.15 Pointless (R,S)
6.00 BBC News At Six (S)
6.30 BBC Regional News (S)
7.00 The One Show Lauren Laverne and JB Gill present another mix of nationwide reports and live studio-based chat. (S)
7.30 SOAP EastEnders Eve and Suki receive a devastating update. (S)
8.00 The Great British Sewing Bee (7/10) In music week, the sewers pay homage to Madonna's cone bra, turn bedroom furnishings into outfits for pop artists and make disco outfits. (S)
9.00 Celebrity MasterChef (4/15) In the second week of heats, Gladiator Emily Steel, Nitin Ganatra, Tom Simons, Donna Preston and Eric Underwood enter the kitchen. (S)
10.00 BBC News At Ten (S)
10.30 BBC Regional News (S)
10.40 FILM Arthur The King Fact-based drama, starring Mark Wahlberg and Nathalie Emmanuel. (2024) ★★★ (S)
12.20 The Hit List (R,S)
1.10-6am BBC News (S)

BBC2

HD: Freeview 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102 FreeSat 102

6.30 am Bargain Hunt Charlie Ross has two cheeky challenges for the teams at Ardingly antiques fair. (R,S)
7.15 Money For Nothing (R,S)
8.00 Sign Zone: The Great British Sewing Bee The sewers makes tutus, cuddly toys and superhero costumes for children's week. (R,S,SL)
9.00 BBC News (S)

7.30pm Race Against The Tide

1.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games Quiz show. (R,S)
1.30 The Edge (R,S)
2.15 Do You Know Your Place? Vernon Kay hosts. (R,S)
2.45 Animal Park (R,S)
3.30 Serengeti III (R,S)
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow (R,S)
5.15 Flog It! (R,S)
6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games (R,S)
6.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys (R,S)
7.00 Nigellissima (4/6) (R,S)
7.30 Race Against The Tide (2/6) Six teams sculpt what home means to them. (S)
8.00 Saving Lives At Sea (2/10) A mayday comes in from a yacht breaking up off the Norfolk coast. (S)
9.00 Emergency 24/7 (2/6) A man is brought in with a severed leg. (S)
10.00 Live At The Apollo (4/7) Stand-up comedy. (R,S)
10.30 Newsnight (S) Followed by **Weather**
11.05 The Vampire Lestat: Interview With The Vampire (7/7) (S)
11.55 A House Through Time (2/4) Documentary. (R,S)
12.55 Sign Zone: Celebrity MasterChef (R,S,SL)
1.55-2.45am Captive Audience: A Real American Horror Story (R,S,SL)

ITV1

HD: Freeview 103 Sky 103 Virgin 103 FreeSat 103

6.00 am Good Morning Britain Morning magazine featuring a lively mix of news and current affairs, plus health, entertainment and lifestyle features. (S)
10.00 This Morning An entertaining morning magazine filled with a mix of celebrity chat, lifestyle features, advice and competitions. Including Local Weather. (S)

7.30pm EFL Carabao Cup

1.30 ITV Lunchtime News (S)
1.55 Regional News (S)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal (R,S)
3.00 Deal Or No Deal (R,S)
4.00 Tipping Point (R,S)
5.00 The Chase (R,S)
6.00 Regional News (S)
6.30 ITV Evening News (S)
7.30 LIVE EFL Carabao Cup Nottingham Forest v Leeds United. Mark Pougatch presents all the action from the second-round tie at The City Ground. With commentary from Sam Matterface and Lucy Ward, and pitchside reports by Gabriel Clarke. Kick-off at **8.00**. (S)
10.25 ITV News (S)
11.00 Regional News (S)
11.15 Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace – What Happened Next Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell find out what happened to foundling Natasha and her full sister Lee-Ann, who were left in hospitals as babies less than two years apart. (R,S)
12.10 Shop On TV
3.00 Love & Death (R,S,SL)
3.50 Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace – What Happened Next Sisters who were both abandoned as babies. (R,S,SL)
4.45-6am Unwind With ITV (S)

CHANNEL 4

HD: Freeview 104 Sky 104 Virgin 104 FreeSat 126
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6.30 am The King Of Queens American comedy starring Kevin James. (R,S)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Ray Romano stars. (R,S)
9.10 Frasier (R,S)
11.10 Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell And Back (R,S)
12.05 C4 News (S)
12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Henry Cole stumbles upon a model metal tipper truck in Birmingham. (R,S)

8pm The Dog House

1.10 The Great House Giveaway music agent and plumber tackle the renovation of a four-bed family home. (R,S)
2.10 Countdown (S)
3.00 A Place In The Sun (R,S)
4.00 The Great B&B Challenge Reality challenge. (R,S)
5.00 Château DIY (R,S)
6.00 American Pickers (R,S)
7.00 C4 News (S)
8.00 The Dog House (2/7) Parents Kirsty and Oliver think maybe a dog can wear out two-year-old toddler Stanley, while Coco the dachshund has to overcome some first date nerves as she meets 25-year-old Liv. (R,S)
9.00 Celebrity Hunted (8/8) The remaining fugitives converge for extraction details. (S)
10.00 24 Hours In A&E (8/10) Efforts are made to save a man's leg from amputation. (R,S)
11.05 24 Hours In A&E (7/10) Three pedestrians are brought in to Queen's following a roadside accident. (R,S)
12.05 Building Monaco's Superhomes (R,S)
1.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R,S,SL)
1.55-3.30am FILM The Quiet Girl Drama. (2022) ★★★★★

CHANNEL 5

HD: Freeview 104 Sky 105 Virgin 105 FreeSat 105

6.00 am Milkshake!
9.15 Jeremy Vine The broadcaster discusses the issues of the day. (S)
11.30 Storm & Alexis Discussion show, presented by Storm Huntley and Alexis Conran. (S) Followed by **5 News**
12.50 Matt Allwright Debate on the day's biggest stories, and consumer advice to help viewers save money. (S)

9pm The Tudors With Rob Rinder...

2.20 FILM A Killer In The Family Thriller, starring Zoe Christie and Quinten James. (2023) ★★ (S)
4.00 Castle (R,S)
4.55 Love Nature (R,S)
5.00 5 News With Dan Walker (S)
6.00 Motorhoming With Merton & Webster (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**
7.00 Cycling: Vuelta A España 2026 Rebecca Charlton presents action from stage four of the Grand Tour race. (S)
8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders On the M6, officers are called in after a car fails to stop for Cheshire Police. (S)
9.00 NEW The Tudors With Rob Rinder And Ruth Goodman A look at when England braced for the arrival of the Spanish Armada in 1588. (S)
10.30 Murder On The Doorstep: Who Killed Alistair Wilson? Documentary examining the 2004 murder of a Scottish banker. (R,S)
12.05 Nigel Farage: Where Does The Money Come From? A look at the finances of the leader of Reform UK. (R,S)
1.00 Cruise TV With LoveitBookit Teleshopping. (R,S)
2.00-2.50am GPs: Behind Closed Doors Crime drama. (R,S)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

BBC ONE NORTH WEST As main BBC ONE except: 1.35-1.45pm North West Today; Weather **S4C 6am** Cyw **12noon** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **12.05pm** Codi Pac **12.30** Heno **1.00** Bwrdd I Dri **1.30** Arfordir Cymru: Sir Benfro **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Gwesty Aduniad **4.00** Awr Fawr: Blociau Lliw **4.05** Awr Fawr: Twm Twrch **4.15** Awr Fawr: Fferm Fach **4.30** Awr Fawr: Blero Yn Mynd I Ocido **4.45** Awr Fawr: Byd Tad-Cu **5.00** Stwnsh: Dreigiau – Marchogion Berc **5.25** Stwnsh: Y Smyrffs **5.40** Stwnsh: Un Cwestiwn **6.00** 3 Lle: Ffion Dafis **6.30-6.59** Codi Hwyl **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Pobol Y Cwm **8.25** Nol O'r Dibyn Gyda Iolo Williams **8.55** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **9.00** Siwrna Scandi Chris **10.00** Iaith Ar Daith **11pm-12.05am** Y Cosmos

FREEVIEW AND SATELLITE CHANNELS

ITV2

11.10am Charmed **12.05** Deal Or No Deal **1.05** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep **2.05** The Floor **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex **4.10** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **5.00** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** Wheel Of Fortune **8.00** The 1% Club Rollover **9.00 NEW EPISODE!** Olivia Attwood: The Price Of Perfection **10.00** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.30** Plebs **1.55** Deep Fake Neighbour Wars **2.20-3am** Unwind With ITV

ITV3

11.30am Heartbeat **1.35** Midsomer Murders **3.35** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Vera **10.00** Lewis **11.50** Trial & Retribution **1.50-2.15am** George And Mildred

ITV4

11.20am Robin Of Sherwood **12.25** Magnum, PI **2.35** The Memoirs Of Sherlock Holmes **3.45** Boon **4.50** The Professionals **5.55** Minder **7.00** Aussie Pickers **8.00** The Motorbike Show **9.00** Ice Road Truckers **10.00 NEW EPISODE!** All Elite Wrestling: Collision **12.00** Dark Side Of The Ring **12.55** Minder **1.50-2.45m** BattleBots

BBC THREE

7pm NEW EPISODE! The Catch Up **7.05** Deadly 60 **8.00** Top Gear **9.00 FILM** Darkest Hour (2017) **11.00** Jared Leto: Hollywood's Dark Secret **12.00** Confessions Of A Steroid Gang **1.30** Kyle: The Gunman Who Divided America **2.30** BBC New Comedy Awards 2024 **3.00-3.55am** Vigil

BBC FOUR

7pm The Architecture The Railways Built **7.45** The Flying Gardener **8.00** To The Manor Born **8.25** Keeping Up Appearances **9.00** How The Celts Saved Britain **10.00** Britain In Focus: A Photographic History **11.00** The Secret Genius Of Plants **11.55** Do We Really Need The Moon? **12.55** The Flying Gardener **1.10** The Secret Genius Of Plants **2.05-3.05am** How The Celts Saved Britain

E4

12noon The Simpsons **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **7.00 NEW EPISODE!** Hollyoaks **7.30** The Simpsons **8.00 NEW EPISODE!** Ladies Of London: The New Reign **9.00 NEW EPISODE!** Below Deck Down Under **10.00** Gogglebox **11.00** First Dates **12.05** Naked Attraction **1.10** Below Deck Down Under **2.10** Ladies Of London: The New Reign **3.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **3.50** The Goldbergs **4.40-6am** Brooklyn Nine-Nine

MORE4

11.35am Four In A Bed **12.40** Come Dine With Me **3.20** Four In A Bed **5.50** Car S.O.S **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00 NEW EPISODE!** PopMaster TV. Ken Bruce hosts **10.00** Little Trains & Big Names With Pete Waterman **11.05** Police Rescue **12.05** 999: On The Front Line **1.10** 24 Hours In A&E **3.20-3.45am** The Perfect Pitch

FILM4

11am Togo (2019) **1.15** Sherlock Holmes: Terror By Night (1946) **2.30** It Came From Outer Space (1953) **4.05** Those Magnificent Men In Their Flying Machines (1965) **6.45** Midway (2019) **9.30 PREMIERE** Drive-Away Dolls (2024) **11.15** Hustlers (2019) **1.25-3.40am** Queenpins (2021)

TALKING PICTURES

11.05am FILM The Battle Of The Rails (1946) **12.45** Look At Life **1.00** The Adventures Of William Tell **1.30 FILM** Jassy (1947) **3.30** Dial 999 **4.00** That's My Boy **4.35 FILM** Pink String And Sealing Wax (1945) **6.20** Food Flash Dried Eggs 1942 **6.25** Whiplash **6.55** The Man From UNCLE **7.55** Buccaneer **9.00** Sherlock Holmes: The Sign Of Four **11.05** Fortean TV **11.40 FILM** The Siege Of Sidney Street (1960) **1.35 FILM** The Long Haul (1957) **3.20** Cinebox Memories **3.25** Scotland Yard **4.00** Target: The Corruptors **5.00-6am** The Man From UNCLE

GREAT! ACTION

11am FILM Run Silent, Run Deep (1958) **1.00** The Unit **2.00** Burn Notice **4.00 FILM** The Forger (2014) **5.50** Good News On GREAT! Extra **6.00** The Unit **7.00** Burn Notice **9.00 FILM** Redemption Day (2021) **11.10** The Avengers **12.10** The New Avengers **1.10** The Persuaders! **2.10 FILM** Absolute Zero (2005) **3.40** Good News On GREAT! Extra **4.00** Coast Guard Alaska **4.45-6am** Air Rescue

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST

BBC1

HD: Freeview 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101 FreeSat 101

6.00 am Breakfast (S)
9.30 Morning Live: Top Tips And Best Bits Magazine. (S)
10.30 Garden Rescue Transforming a Manchester garden. (R,S)
11.15 Homes Under The Hammer The development progress of properties in London, Crewe and County Durham. (R,S)
12.15 Bargain Hunt Danny Sebastian celebrates the world of collectibles. (R,S)

8pm Fake Or Fortune: What...

1.00 BBC News At One (S)
2.00 Money For Nothing (S)
2.45 Escape To The Country Sonali Shah helps a couple buying their first house together in Devon. (R,S)
3.30 The Repair Shop (R,S)
4.30 The Answer Run (R,S)
5.15 Pointless (R,S)
6.00 BBC News At Six (S)
6.30 BBC Regional News (S)
7.00 The One Show With JB Gill and Clara Amfo. (S)
7.30 SOAP EastEnders Alfie throws Kat a party. (S)
8.00 Fake Or Fortune: What Happened Next? (6/6) Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould investigate the legitimacy of a piano that may have belonged to John Lennon and a guitar believed to have belonged to Ronnie Wood. (S)
9.00 Celebrity MasterChef (5/15) Zoe Ball asks the celebrities to make their ultimate pudding. (S)
10.00 BBC News At Ten (S)
10.30 BBC Regional News (S)
10.40 MOTD: UEFA Champions League Action from the play-off round second-leg ties. (S)
11.25 FILM The Shallows Thriller, starring Blake Lively and Oscar Jaenada. (2016) ★★★★ (S)
12.50-6am BBC News (S)

BBC2

HD: Freeview 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102 FreeSat 102

6.30 am Escape To The Country Nicki Chapman helps a couple to swap suburban life for rural Cheshire. (R,S)
7.15 Money For Nothing Sarah Moore makes candlesticks out of old spindles. (R,S)
8.00 Sign Zone: Great Continental Railway Journeys Michael travels from London's St Pancras to Brussels. (R,S,SL)
9.00 BBC News (S)

9pm 9/11: Inside The President's...

1.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games (R,S)
1.30 The Edge (R,S)
2.15 Do You Know Your Place? With Susan Calman, Max Fosh and Noreen Khan. (R,S)
2.45 Animal Park (R,S)
3.30 Serengeti III (R,S)
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow (R,S)
5.10 Flog It! (R,S)
6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games (R,S)
6.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys (R,S)
7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip (6/20) Leslie Ash and Phil Daniels compete against each other. (R,S)
8.00 Inside The Factory (2/6) Paddy McGuinness finds out how Warburtons make their products. (R,S)
9.00 9/11: Inside The President's War Room How George W Bush and his staff dealt with the September 11 attack. (R,S)
10.30 Newsnight Headlines, with Paddy O'Connell. (S) Followed by **Weather**
11.05 Couples Therapy (S)
12.00 Buried With Michael Sheen Michael's search leads him to Ruabon. (R,S)
1.00 Sign Zone: Celebrity MasterChef (R,S,SL)
2.00-3am Brexit: A Very British Civil War (R,S,SL)

ITV1

HD: Freeview 103 Sky 103 Virgin 103 FreeSat 103

6.00 am Good Morning Britain Morning magazine featuring a lively mix of news and current affairs, plus health, entertainment and lifestyle features. (S)
10.00 This Morning An entertaining morning magazine filled with a mix of celebrity chat, lifestyle features, advice and competitions. Including Local Weather. (S)

9pm Professor T

1.30 ITV Lunchtime News (S)
1.55 Regional News (S)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal (R,S)
3.00 Deal Or No Deal (R,S)
4.00 Tipping Point (R,S)
5.00 The Chase (R,S)
6.00 Regional News (S)
6.30 ITV Evening News (S)
7.30 Celebrity Lingo (9/10) Judy Murray and Mark Pougatch take on Helen Skelton and Rav Wilding. (R,S)
8.00 SOAP Emmerdale Dawn has a big decision to make. (S)
8.30 SOAP Coronation Street Bethany spots blood on Kit's shirt. (S)
9.00 Professor T (2/6) Jasper is visiting a retirement home with Zelda when one of the residents apparently kills a woman but there may be more to the perplexing case than meets the eye. (S)
10.00 ITV News (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.45 FILM Spectre James Bond thriller, starring Daniel Craig and Christoph Waltz. (2015) ★★★★ (S)
1.10 Shop On TV
3.00 Love & Death (R,S,SL)
4.00 Inside The Langham: Britain's First Grand Hotel (R,S,SL)
4.20 Unwind With ITV (S)
5.35-6am Tom Kerridge Cooks Italy (R,S,SL)

CHANNEL 4

HD: Freeview 104 Sky 104 Virgin 104 FreeSat 126
Wales: Freeview 110 Sky 108 Virgin 108 FreeSat 106

6.30 am The King Of Queens Triple bill. (R,S)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Triple bill. (R,S)
9.10 Frasier (R,S)
11.10 Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell And Back Gordon Ramsay tries to improve a troubled New Orleans bistro. (R,S)
12.05 C4 News (S)
12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Henry Cole and Simon O'Brien visit Leicestershire. (R,S)

8pm Kirstie And Phil's Love It Or...

1.10 The Great House Giveaway A wrecked house in Birmingham. (R,S)
2.10 Countdown (S)
3.00 A Place In The Sun (R,S)
4.00 The Great B&B Challenge Paul and Justin's garden party falls flat. (R,S)
5.00 Château DIY (R,S)
6.00 American Pickers (R,S)
7.00 C4 News (S)
8.00 NEW Kirstie And Phil's Love It Or List It: Brilliant Builds Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer look back at two builds where smart solutions and practical thinking helped save the day. (S)
9.00 NEW The Murder Detective (1/3) Documentary telling the inside story of the seven-year-long mission to find out who murdered journalist Lyra McKee in Derry in 2019 and secure justice for her family. (S)
10.00 NEW The Never Ending Murder (1/4) The case of Nicola Payne, who went missing in 1991. (S)
11.05 The Never Ending Murder (2/4) The police begin their forensic investigation. (S)
12.05 Spy Next Door: The Anna Chapman Story Documentary. (R,S,SL)
1.55-3.50am Celebrity Hunted Two runners make a high-risk appearance. (R,S,SL)

CHANNEL 5

HD: Freeview 104 Sky 105 Virgin 105 FreeSat 105

6.00 am Milkshake!
9.15 Jeremy Vine The broadcaster and a panel of guests discuss the issues of the day, with phone-ins and viewers' correspondence. (S)
11.30 Storm & Alexis Discussion and debate. (S) Followed by **5 News**
12.50 Matt Allwright Debate on the day's biggest stories, and consumer advice. (S)

9pm The Great Wall Of China...

2.20 FILM PREMIERE Reality Bites Mystery, starring Alison Sweeney. (2025) ★★★★ (S)
4.00 Castle A priceless work of art is stolen. (R,S)
4.55 Love Nature (R,S)
5.00 5 News With Dan Walker (S)
6.00 Motorhoming With Merton & Webster (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**
7.00 Cycling: Vuelta A España 2026 Action from stage five. (S) Followed by **5 News Update**
8.00 NEW Call The Bailiffs: Time To Pay Up Agents attempt to recover a debt owed by an estate agent to a former client. (S)
9.00 NEW The Great Wall Of China With Dan Snow Dan Snow heads to China to find out more about the country's iconic landmark. (S)
10.30 A&E: Crash Scene Emergency Medics treat a man whose car was crushed underneath a tractor. (R,S)
11.30 Ambulance: Code Red A 52-year-old man is injured after being thrown off his motorbike. (R,S)
12.30 Cops (R,S) Followed by **Entertainment News On 5**
1.00 Cruise TV With LoveitBookit
2.00-2.50am GPs: Behind Closed Doors (R,S)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

S4C 6am Cyw **11.00-12noon** Camau Bach **11.00** Abadas **11.15** Cywion Bach **11.20** Caru Canu A Stori **11.30** Octonots **11.45** Jen A Jim A'r Cywiadur **12noon** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **12.05pm** Cartrefi Cymru **12.30** Heno **1.00** Lowri Morgan: Her 333 **1.30** Garddio A Mwy **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Siwrna Scandi Chris **4.00** Awr Fawr: Howie **4.05** Awr Fawr: Dreigiau Cadi **4.20** Awr Fawr: Pentre Papur Pop **4.30** Awr Fawr: Ein Byd Bach Ni **4.40** Awr Fawr: Waw! **5.00** Stwnsh: Li Ban **5.15** Stwnsh: Gwrach Y Rhibyn **5.35** Stwnsh: Mabinogi-ogi **6.00** Dan Do **6.30-6.59** Adeiladu'r Freuddwyd: Camp Out West **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Pobol Y Cwm **8.25** Cartrefi Cymru **8.55** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **9.00** Priodas Pum Mil **10.00** Y Deis **10.30-11.35pm** Ty Ffit

FREEVIEW AND SATELLITE CHANNELS

ITV2

11.10am Charmed **12.10** Deal Or No Deal **1.10** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep **2.10** Wheel Of Fortune **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex **4.10** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **5.00** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** Wheel Of Fortune **8.00** The 1% Club Rollover **9.00** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.30** G'wed **2.00** Transaction **2.25-3am** Unwind With ITV

ITV3

11.30am Heartbeat **1.35** Midsomer Murders **3.35** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Lewis **11.50** Inspector Morse **2.00-2.30am** George And Mildred

ITV4

11.25am Robin Of Sherwood **12.25** Magnum, PI **2.35** The Memoirs Of Sherlock Holmes **3.45** Boon **4.50** The Professionals **5.55** Minder **7.00** Target Sports Stars Fishing Championship **9.00** River Monsters **9.30 FILM** Universal Soldier (1992) Sci-fi thriller, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme. **11.35** EFL Carabao Cup Highlights **12.35** Benidorm **1.35** The Professionals **2.35-3am** Unwind With ITV

BBC THREE

7pm NEW EPISODE! The Catch Up **7.05** Deadly 60 **7.30 FILM** Paddington (2014) Family comedy, starring Hugh Bonneville. **9.00** Top Gear **10.00 NEW EPISODE!** Guy Montgomery's Guy Mont-Spelling Bee Australia **11.35** The Young Offenders **2.40** Shabaz Asks: Are Billionaires Bad? **3.30-4am** BBC New Comedy Awards 2024

BBC FOUR

7pm Villages By The Sea **7.30** Canal Boat Diaries **8.00** Rome: A History Of The Eternal City **9.00** Mary Beard's Ultimate Rome: Empire Without Limit. The scholar examines how and why the Roman Empire fell. **10.00** I, Claudius **11.50** The Australian Wars **12.50** Canal Boat Diaries **1.20** Rome: A History Of The Eternal City **2.20** Mary Beard's Ultimate Rome: Empire Without Limit **3.20-3.50am** Villages By The Sea

E4

12noon The Simpsons **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **7.00 NEW EPISODE!** Hollyoaks **7.30** The Simpsons **8.00 NEW EPISODE!** Ladies Of London: The New Reign **9.00 NEW SERIES!** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **10.00** Gogglebox **11.00** First Dates **12.05** Naked Attraction **1.10** Gogglebox **2.10** Ladies Of London: The New Reign **3.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **3.50** The Goldbergs **4.40-6am** Brooklyn Nine-Nine

MORE4

11.35am Four In A Bed **12.40** Come Dine With Me **3.20** Four In A Bed **5.50** Car S.O.S **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** The Roman Empire By Train With Alice Roberts **10.00** 24 Hours In A&E **12.10** 999: On The Front Line **1.15** 24 Hours In A&E **3.25-3.55am** The Perfect Pitch

FILM4

11am Patrick (2018) **1.00** Ride Lonesome (1959) **2.30** Send Me No Flowers (1964) **4.35** Harvey (1950) **6.45** Entrapment (1999) Crime thriller, with Sean Connery and Catherine Zeta-Jones. **9.00** The G. Crime thriller, starring Dale Dickey. (2023) **11.10** Memento (2000) **1.25-3.15am** The Day Shall Come (2019)

TALKING PICTURES

11.25am FILM Blind Corner (1964) **1.00** The Buccaneers **1.30 FILM** Doctor In Trouble (1970) **3.15** Look At Life **3.30** Dial 999 **4.00** That's My Boy **4.35 FILM** The Happiest Days Of Your Life (1950) **6.15** The Last Day Of Trolley Bus 666 Edgware **6.30** Give Us A Clue **7.00** Out Of Town **7.30** Scotland Yard **8.05** Van Der Valk **9.05 FILM** The Deadly Affair. Espionage drama, starring James Mason. (1967) **11.15 FILM** Hands Of A Stranger (1962) **12.55 FILM** I Am A Camera (1955) **2.55 FILM** Fighting Mad (1957) **4.00** Stagecoach West **5.00-6am** The Man From UNCLE

GREAT! ACTION

11am FILM Tomorrow We Live (1943) **12.50** Good News On GREAT! Extra **1.00** The Unit **2.00** Burn Notice **4.00 FILM** The Trust (2016) **6.00** The Unit **7.00** Burn Notice **9.00 FILM** Flight Of Fury (2007) Action thriller, with Steven Seagal. **11.10** The Avengers **12.10** The New Avengers **1.10** The Persuaders! **2.10 FILM** Seattle Superstorm (2012) **3.40** Good News On GREAT! Extra **4.00** Coast Guard Alaska **4.45-6am** Air Rescue

THURSDAY 27 AUGUST

BBC1

HD: Freeview 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101 FreeSat 101

6.00 am Breakfast (S)
9.30 Morning Live: Top Tips And Best Bits Magazine. (S)
10.30 Garden Rescue Creating a space for a 'healing garden' in Bristol. (R,S)
11.15 Homes Under The Hammer Featuring properties in London, Nottinghamshire and Cumbria. (S)
12.15 Bargain Hunt Catherine Southon and Mark Stacey help teams in Detling. (R,S)

9pm Ludwig

1.00 BBC News At One (S)
2.00 Money For Nothing (S)
2.45 Escape To The Country A buyer wants to find a new home in Suffolk. (R,S)
3.30 The Repair Shop (R,S)
4.30 The Answer Run (R,S)
5.15 Pointless (R,S)
6.00 BBC News At Six (S)
6.30 BBC Regional News (S)
7.00 The One Show Lauren Laverne and Angellica Bell present the magazine. (S)
7.30 SOAP EastEnders Alfie's surprise soon turns to chaos. (S)
8.00 Dragons' Den (9/14) Pitches include nut-and-seed-based snacks, a gadget for tackling water waste and a vision for upscaling a mural installation business. (S)
9.00 Ludwig (2/6) When a ceilidh is cut short by an unwelcome guest, John is left in a spin. A murder witnessed by an entire wedding party proves to be quite the puzzle. (S)
10.00 BBC News At Ten (S)
10.30 BBC Regional News (S)
10.40 The Truth About My Murder Triple bill. (S)
12.40 Alan Carr's Picture Slam With contestants from Bristol, Lisburn and Wolverhampton. (R,S)
1.30-6am BBC News (S)

BBC2

HD: Freeview 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102 FreeSat 102

6.30 am Escape To The Country A couple from Newport search for a new home in Devon. (R,S)
7.15 Money For Nothing Sarah Moore finds items to repurpose in Surrey. (R,S)
8.00 Sign Zone: Celebrity MasterChef Recreating a recipe provided by chef and author Seema Pankhania. (R,S,SL)
9.00 BBC News (S)

8pm The Big Deal With...

1.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games (R,S)
1.30 The Edge (R,S)
2.15 Do You Know Your Place? Vernon Kay hosts. (R,S)
2.45 Animal Park (R,S)
3.30 Serengeti III (R,S)
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow (R,S)
5.05 Flog It! (R,S)
6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games (R,S)
6.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys (R,S)
7.00 Today At The Test England v Pakistan. (S)
8.00 The Big Deal With Steph McGovern (3/6) The pairs are tested on their ability to sell to the public. (S)
9.00 A House Through Time (3/4) Charting history through the successive inhabitants of a house. (S)
10.00 Red Dwarf (3/6) (R,S)
10.30 Newsnight (S) Followed by **Weather**
11.05 Emergency 24/7 (2/6) A man is brought in with a severed leg due to being hit by a train. (R,S)
12.05 FILM Dear Evan Hansen Musical drama, starring Ben Platt and Julianne Moore. (2021) ★★★★ (S)
2.10-3.10am Sign Zone: Brexit: A Very British Civil War Remain's economic scare tactics. (R,S,SL)

ITV1

HD: Freeview 103 Sky 103 Virgin 103 FreeSat 103

6.00 am Good Morning Britain Magazine featuring a mix of news and current affairs, plus health, entertainment and lifestyle features. (S)
10.00 This Morning Daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, lifestyle features, topical discussion, health and beauty advice and more. Including Local Weather. (S)

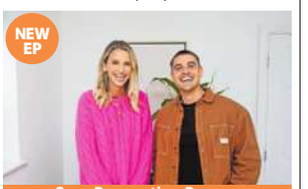
8.30pm Coronation Street

1.30 ITV Lunchtime News (S)
1.55 Regional News (S)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson lands at Aerospace Bristol. (R,S)
3.00 Deal Or No Deal (R,S)
4.00 Tipping Point (R,S)
5.00 The Chase (R,S)
6.00 Regional News (S)
6.30 ITV Evening News (S)
7.30 It'll Be Alright On The Night TV clangers featuring Joel Dommett and Romesh Ranganathan. (S)
8.00 SOAP Emmerdale A wave of shock and horror passes through the village. (S)
8.30 SOAP Coronation Street Sarah fears she has placed Harry in harm's way. (S)
9.00 Beat The Chasers (2/8) Contestants from across the UK take on the six experts. (R,S)
10.00 ITV News (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.45 FILM No Time To Die James Bond sets off on the trail of an enigmatic villain armed with lethal new technology. Action thriller, starring Daniel Craig in his fifth and final outing as 007. (2021) ★★★★ (S)
1.25 Shop On TV
3.00 The Summit (R,S,SL)
3.50 Unwind With ITV (S)
5.05-6am Deal Or No Deal: Celebrity Special (R,S,SL)

CHANNEL 4

HD: Freeview 104 Sky 104 Virgin 104 FreeSat 126
Wales: Freeview 110 Sky 108 Virgin 108 FreeSat 106

6.30 am The King Of Queens Triple bill. (R,S)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Triple bill. (R,S)
9.10 Frasier (R,S)
11.10 Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell And Back A Caribbean fusion restaurant. (R,S)
12.05 C4 News (S)
12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It A motorised pedal cycle is among the items in Norfolk. (R,S)



8pm Renovation Rescue

1.10 The Great House Giveaway Renovating a house in Chirk, north Wales. (R,S)
2.10 Countdown (S)
3.00 A Place In The Sun (R,S)
4.00 The Great B&B Challenge The latest challenge is to host a 'happening'. (R,S)
5.00 Château DIY (R,S)
6.00 American Pickers (R,S)
7.00 C4 News (S)
8.00 Renovation Rescue In West Yorkshire, Richard and Nangula's renovation of Richard's beloved childhood home has gone on for eight years, now they're hoping to finish in time for a celebration. (S)
9.00 The Murder Detective (2/3) The team recover a gun that may be linked to Lyra's murder. (S)
10.00 The Never Ending Murder (3/4) Twenty years on, new information and a new lead detective re-ignite the case. (S)
11.00 The Never Ending Murder (4/4) Thirty years after Nicola's disappearance, some new information comes to light. (S)
12.00 Crime Scene Cleaners Documentary. (R,S,SL)
12.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R,S,SL)
1.45-2.40am Secret Lives Of Gypsy Wives (R,S)

CHANNEL 5

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6.00 am Milkshake!
9.15 Jeremy Vine Start the day with a dose of hard-hitting debate, your phone calls and a little fun. (S)
11.30 Storm & Alexis Discussion and debate. (S) Followed by **5 News**
12.50 Matt Allwright The journalist presents debate on the day's biggest stories, and money saving consumer advice. (S)

9pm Benidorm Is Murder

2.20 FILM To Kill A Stepfather Thriller, starring Alex Camacho. (2023) ★★★ (S)
4.00 Castle (S)
4.55 Love Nature (R,S)
5.00 5 News With Dan Walker (S)
6.00 Motorhoming With Merton & Webster Paul Merton and Suki Webster head to Devon. (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**
7.00 Cycling: Vuelta A España 2026 Action from stage six. (S) Then **5 News Update**
8.00 The Yorkshire Vet Julian Norton performs one of his most challenging and delicate operations ever on Milo, a young girl's hamster. (S)
9.00 Benidorm Is Murder (5/6) Dennis and Rosa investigate the death of a man after a jellyfish incident. Crime drama, starring John Hannah and Carolina Bécquer. (S)
10.00 Killer At The Crime Scene The death of neuroscientist Autumn Klein, who was rushed to hospital after collapsing. (S)
11.05 Fatal First Dates True crime documentary. (S)
12.05 Street Cops: Catching The Yobs (R,S)
1.00 Cruise TV With LoveitBookit
2.00-2.50am GPs: Behind Closed Doors (R,S)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

BBC ONE WALES As main BBC ONE except: 12.40am Buried With Michael Sheen **1.40-6am** BBC News **S4C 6am** Cyw **12noon** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **12.05pm** Cais Quinnell **12.30** Heno **1.00** Codi Hwyl **1.30** Sgwrs Dan Y Lloer **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Am Dro! **4.00** Awr Fawr: Caban Banana Gareth **4.05** Awr Fawr: Chwedlau Tinga Tinga **4.20** Awr Fawr: Help Llaw **4.35** Awr Fawr: Mojo Swoptops **4.50** Awr Fawr: Annibendod **5.00** Stwnsh: Byd Rwtsh Dai Potsh **5.15** Stwnsh: Larfa **5.20** Stwnsh: Dyffryn Mwmin **5.45** Stwnsh: Cuddio **6.00-6.59** Cynefin **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Pobol Y Cwm **8.25** Gwlad Y Basg: Gwilym Bowen Rhys **8.55** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **9.00** Cyfrinachau'r Great Escape **10.00** Taclo'r Ty **10.30-11.35pm** Radio Fa'ma

FREEVIEW AND SATELLITE CHANNELS

ITV2

11.10am Charmed **12.10** Deal Or No Deal **1.10** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep **2.10** Wheel Of Fortune **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex **4.10** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **5.00** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** Wheel Of Fortune **8.00** The 1% Club Rollover **9.00** Romesh Ranganathan's Parents' Evening **10.00** Changing Ends **10.35** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.30** Deal Or No Deal **2.20-3am** Unwind With ITV

ITV3

11.30am Heartbeat **1.40** Midsomer Murders **3.40** Classic Emmerdale **5.15** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Vera **10.00** Lewis **11.50** Inspector Morse **2.00-2.30am** George And Mildred

ITV4

11.15am Robin Of Sherwood **12.15** Magnum, PI **2.20** The Memoirs Of Sherlock Holmes **3.30** Boon **4.35** The Professionals **5.40** Minder **6.45** Sharpe. A clash of loyalties troubles Sharpe. **9.00** All Elite Wrestling: All In **3.45-4am** Unwind With ITV

BBC THREE

7pm LIVE SPORT! Athletics: Diamond League Zurich. The Weltklasse Zurich. **9.00 NEW EPISODE!** The Catch Up. A round-up of the day's news. **9.05 NEW EPISODE!** Better Date Than Never **10.00 FILM** 27 Dresses (2008) **11.45** Angels Of The North **2.45** Pobl Bachyn **2.55-3.55am** Better Date Than Never

BBC FOUR

7pm Villages By The Sea **7.30** Canal Boat Diaries **8.00** Vasa: The Ghost Ship **9.00 FILM** Jaws. Steven Spielberg's thriller, starring Roy Scheider. (1975) **11.00** Talking Pictures **11.45 FILM** Jaws 2 (1978) **1.35** Canal Boat Diaries **2.05** Vasa: The Ghost Ship **3.05-3.35am** Villages By The Sea

E4

12noon The Simpsons **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **8.00 NEW EPISODE!** Ladies Of London: The New Reign. Emma has a health scare. **9.00 NEW EPISODE!** Cruising Paradise: Above And Below Deck. The Star Princess drops anchor in Belize. **10.00** Gogglebox **11.05** First Dates **12.05** Naked Attraction **1.10** Cruising Paradise: Above And Below Deck **2.10** Ladies Of London: The New Reign **3.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **3.50** The Goldbergs **4.40-6am** Brooklyn Nine-Nine

MORE4

11.35am Four In A Bed **12.40** Come Dine With Me **3.20** Four In A Bed **5.50** Car S.O.S **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** 24 Hours In A&E **11.05** 999: On The Front Line **1.15** 24 Hours In A&E **3.25-3.55am** The Perfect Pitch

FILM4

11am Wonder Park (2019) **12.45** Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs (2009) **2.35** The Story Of Robin Hood And His Merrie Men (1952) **4.15** The Straight Story (1999) **6.30** Hidden Figures (2016) Fact-based drama, starring Taraji P Henson. **9.10** American Gangster. Fact-based crime drama, starring Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe. (2007) **12.20** Honest Thief (2020) **2.20-4am** Wildfire (2021)

TALKING PICTURES

10.50am FILM The Leather Boys (1964) **1.00** The Adventures Of Sir Lancelot **1.30** The Duchess Of Duke Street **2.35 FILM** Operation Diplomat (1953) **3.55** Cinebox Memories **4.00** That's My Boy **4.35 FILM** Train Of Events (1949) **6.20** Strange But True **6.55** The Brothers **8.00** Mark Saber **8.30** The Wheeltappers And Shunters Social Club **9.20 FILM** Frankenstein And The Monster From Hell. Hammer horror, starring Peter Cushing. (1973) **11.15 FILM** Albert RN (1953) **1.00 FILM** Twilight's Last Gleaming (1977) **3.50** 1960s London-Glimpses **4.00** Burke's Law **5.00-6am** The Man From UNCLE

GREAT! ACTION

1pm The Unit **2.00** Burn Notice **4.00 FILM** Shadow Wolves (2019) **6.00** The Unit **7.00** Burn Notice **9.00 FILM** American Siege. Thriller, starring Bruce Willis. (2021) **11.00** The Avengers **12.00** The Baron **1.00** The Persuaders! **2.00 FILM** NYC: Tornado Terror (2008) **3.30** Good News On GREAT! Extra **3.40** Coast Guard Alaska **4.25** Good News On GREAT! Extra **4.35** Air Rescue **5.50-6am** Good News On GREAT! Extra

FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

BBC1

HD: Freeview 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101 FreeSat 101

6.00 am Breakfast News and current affairs. (S)
9.30 Morning Live: Top Tips And Best Bits Magazine. (S)
10.30 Garden Rescue (R,S)
11.15 Homes Under The Hammer Properties include a Herefordshire townhouse and commercial premises in Ayrshire. (R,S)
12.15 Bargain Hunt Roo Irvine presents from Leominster, Herefordshire. (S)

10.40pm Fontaines DC...

1.00 BBC News At One (S)
2.00 NEW Sister Boniface Mysteries One of the actors screen-testing for a role in the new Agent Best film is murdered. (S)
2.45 Escape To The Country (R,S)
3.30 The Repair Shop (R,S)
4.30 The Answer Run (R,S)
5.15 Pointless (R,S)
6.00 BBC News At Six (S)
6.30 BBC Regional News (S)
7.00 The One Show Presented by Angellica Bell and Lauren Laverne. (S)
7.30 The Travelling Auctioneers (2/20) Helping a widow raise money for her favourite local charity. (R,S)
8.00 Celebrity MasterChef (6/15) The remaining celebrities serve a Mexican-themed meal. (S)
9.00 Would I Lie To You? (6/9) With Sam Campbell, Diane Carson, Darren Harriott and AJ Odudu. (R,S)
9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys (1/7) (R,S)
10.00 BBC News At Ten (S)
10.30 BBC Regional News (S)
10.40 NEW Fontaines DC @ Reading Festival 2026 Live coverage of the headline set. (S)
12.10 FILM Stan & Ollie Biopic of Laurel and Hardy, starring Steve Coogan and John C Reilly. (2018) ★★★★ (S)
1.50-6am BBC News (S)

BBC2

HD: Freeview 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102 FreeSat 102

6.15 am Homes Under The Hammer Featuring properties in Derbyshire, Essex and Cheshire. (R,S)
7.15 Money For Nothing Transforming items reclaimed from a tip. (R,S)
8.00 Sign Zone: A House Through Time The lives of Victorian-era residents of the house on Calton Hill are assessed. (R,S,SL)
9.00 BBC News (S)

9pm The Marlow Murder Club

1.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games Quiz show. (R,S)
1.30 The Edge (R,S)
2.15 Do You Know Your Place? Last in the series. (R,S)
2.45 Animal Park (R,S)
3.30 Serengeti III (R,S)
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow (R,S)
5.25 Flog It! (R,S)
6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games Quiz show. (R,S)
6.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys (R,S)
7.00 Today At The Test England v Pakistan. Action from the second day of the Second Test in the three-match series, held at Lord's Cricket Ground in London. (S)
8.00 Gardeners' World (23/32) Joe Swift visits a family-run nursery in Dorset. (S)
9.00 The Marlow Murder Club (1/2) Adaptation of Robert Thorogood's novel starring Samantha Bond. Archaeologist Judith's evening is shattered when she witnesses her neighbour's murder. (R,S)
10.30 Newsnight (S) Then **Weather**
11.05 FILM PREMIERE Tuesday Drama, starring Lola Petticrew. (2023) ★★★ (S)
12.45 Sign Zone: The Mother Of All Cons (R,S,SL)
1.45-2.45am The Big Deal With Steph McGovern (R,S,SL)

ITV1

HD: Freeview 103 Sky 103 Virgin 103 FreeSat 103

6.00 am Good Morning Britain Morning magazine featuring a lively mix of news and current affairs, plus health, entertainment and lifestyle features. (S)
10.00 This Morning Magazine featuring a mix of celebrity chat, lifestyle features, showbusiness news, topical discussion, health and beauty advice and more. Including Weather. (S)

9pm The Rainmaker

1.30 ITV Lunchtime News (S)
1.55 Regional News (S)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal (R,S)
3.00 Deal Or No Deal (R,S)
4.00 Tipping Point (R,S)
5.00 The Chase (R,S)
6.00 Regional News (S)
6.30 ITV Evening News (S)
7.30 Abbey Clancy: Celebrity Homes (1/6) Abbey visits homes belonging to Heidi Range and Jodie Kidd. (S)
8.00 SOAP Emmerdale Resentment seems to be driving Ramsden's investigation, while Gabby is feeling emotional. (S)
8.30 SOAP Coronation Street Sarah and Kit each attempt to eliminate Kacey's threat, and and Bernie opens up. (S)
9.00 NEW The Rainmaker (1/10) A young lawyer becomes trapped by the dangerous firm that hired him. Legal drama, starring Milo Callaghan, Lana Parrilla and Madison Iseman. (S)
10.00 ITV News (S)
10.15 FILM Superman Returns Comic-book adventure, starring Brandon Routh, Kevin Spacey and Kate Bosworth. (2006) ★★★ (S)
12.50 Shop On TV
3.00 Force Of Nature (R,S,SL)
3.50 Long Lost Family (R,S,SL)
4.45-6am Unwind With ITV (S)

CHANNEL 4

HD: Freeview 104 Sky 104 Virgin 104 FreeSat 126
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6.30 am The King Of Queens Three episodes. (R,S)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Three episodes. (R,S)
9.10 Frasier (R,S)
11.10 Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell And Back A restaurant in Mississippi. (R,S)
12.05 C4 News (S)
12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Simon O'Brien and Henry Cole search for unloved items in north Wales. (R,S)

10.10pm The Big Fat Quiz Of Telly

1.10 The Great House Giveaway A designer and a painter and decorator take on a Derbyshire property. (R,S)
2.10 Countdown Richie Anderson is in Dictionary Corner. (S)
3.00 A Place In The Sun (R,S)
4.00 The Great B&B Challenge The second elimination day arrives. (R,S)
5.00 Château DIY (R,S)
6.00 American Pickers (R,S)
7.00 C4 News (S)
8.00 Jimmy Doherty's Big Bear Rescue The farmer and conservationist tries to relocate two polar bears from Sweden to his wildlife park in Suffolk. (R,S)
9.00 The Murder Detective (3/3) After years of investigation, lead detective Jason Murphy is ready to make his boldest move yet. His team execute a series of coordinated arrests. (S)
10.10 The Big Fat Quiz Of Telly Harry Hill, Judi Love, Tom Allen, Joanne McNally, Sam Campbell and Susan Wokoma compete to see who knows the most about past and present television shows. (R,S)
12.10 FILM 127 Hours Fact-based drama, starring James Franco. (2010) ★★★★ (S)
1.45-2.35am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R,S,SL)

CHANNEL 5

HD: Freeview 104 Sky 105 Virgin 105 FreeSat 105

6.00 am Milkshake!
9.15 Jeremy Vine Start the day with a dose of hard-hitting debate, your phone calls and a little fun. (S)
11.30 Storm & Alexis Discussion and debate, with Storm Huntley and Alexis Conran. (S) Followed by **5 News**
12.50 Matt Allwright Debate on the day's stories, and consumer advice to help viewers save money. (S)

8pm Alexander Armstrong In...

2.20 FILM Deadly Girls Trip Thriller, with Kristi Murdock. (2025) ★★★★ (S)
4.00 Castle (S)
4.55 Love Nature (R,S)
5.00 5 News With Dan Walker (S)
6.00 Motorhoming With Merton & Webster (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**
7.00 Cycling: Vuelta A España 2026 Action from stage seven of the Grand Tour race, a 149.8km mountain route beginning in Vall d'Alba and finishing in Aramon Valdelinares. (S) Followed by **5 News Update**
8.00 Alexander Armstrong In Sri Lanka (3/3) On the last leg of his journey around the island of Sri Lanka, the presenter moves north into Tamil country. (R,S)
9.00 Heat (3/4) The truth behind Tom's injury is revealed, and Brad's hopes with Mia are explored. (R,S)
10.00 Heat (4/4) Terror sets in when Tom does not return to the house. (R,S)
11.05 When TV News Goes Horribly Wrong Moira Stuart narrates memorable mishaps from live news broadcasts. (R,S)
1.00 Cruise TV With LoveitBookit Teleshopping. (R,S)
2.00-2.50am GPs: Behind Closed Doors Documentary. (R,S)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

BBC ONE WALES As main BBC ONE except:
7.30-8pm Best Of Weatherman Walking **ITV WALES 7.00-8pm** Backstage At Green Man

S4C 6am Cyw **12noon** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **12.05pm** Pysgod I Bawb **12.30** Heno **1.00** Y Ci Perffaith **1.30** Dan Do **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Ty Ffit **4.00** Awr Fawr: Sam Tan **4.10** Awr Fawr: Og Y Draenog Hapus **4.20** Awr Fawr: Misho **4.30** Awr Fawr: Joni Jet **4.45** Awr Fawr: Parc Glan Gwil **5.00** Stwnsh: Lego Ffrindiau: Amdani Ferched! **5.10** Stwnsh: Bwystfil **5.20** Stwnsh: Prys A'r Pryfed **5.35** Stwnsh: Ar Goll Yn Oz **6.00** Bwrdd I Dri **6.30-6.59** Garddio A Mwy **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Mike Bubbins: Un Mewn Miliwn **8.55** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **9.00** Am Dro! **10.00** Y Deis **10.30-11.35pm** Miwsig Fy Mywyd

FREEVIEW AND SATELLITE CHANNELS

ITV2

11.10am Charmed **12.10** Deal Or No Deal **1.10** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep **2.10** Wheel Of Fortune **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex **4.10** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **5.00** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** Wheel Of Fortune **8.00** The 1% Club **9.00 FILM** Batman Begins (2005) Comic-book adventure, starring Christian Bale and Liam Neeson. **11.45** Family Guy **12.50** American Dad! **1.45** Bob's Burgers **2.35-3am** Unwind With ITV

ITV3

11.30am Heartbeat **1.35** Midsomer Murders **3.35** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Doc Martin **10.00** Lewis **11.50** Poirot. The sleuth's dentist is found dead. **2.00-2.30am** George And Mildred

ITV4

11.25am Robin Of Sherwood **12.25** Magnum, PI **2.35** The Memoirs Of Sherlock Holmes **3.45** Boon **4.50** The Professionals **6.00** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **7.30** River Monsters **8.00** The Chase Celebrity Special **9.00** Ice Road Truckers **10.00 NEW EPISODE!** All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite **12.00** Dark Side Of The Ring **12.55** Minder **1.50** Two And A Half Men **2.15** Two And A Half Men: Uncensored **2.40-3am** Unwind With ITV

BBC THREE

7pm NEW EPISODE! The Catch Up **7.05** Deadly 60 **8.00** Death In Paradise. Mervin and the team pull together to pin down the prime suspect in his mother's murder. **9.00** Ann Droid **10.00** Not Going Out **11.00** Man Like Mobeen **12.30-3.25am** Ideal

BBC FOUR

7pm NEW! The Met Orchestra Plays Strauss At The Proms. New York's Met Orchestra make their much-anticipated Proms debut. **8.45** TOTP: 2000 **9.15** TOTP: 1978 **9.50** TOTP: 1988 **10.20** The Specials: 6 Music Sessions **10.55** 2 Tone: The Sound Of Coventry **11.55** The Specials: Rock Goes To College **12.40** Rudies Come Back: The Rise And Rise Of 2 Tone – Arena **1.15** The Specials: 6 Music Sessions **1.50** TOTP: 1978 **2.25** TOTP: 1988 **3.00-3.30am** TOTP: 2000

E4

12noon The Simpsons **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **8.00 NEW EPISODE!** Ladies Of London: The New Reign **9.00 FILM** Doctor Strange. Fantasy adventure, starring Benedict Cumberbatch. (2016) **11.20 FILM** Bad Boys For Life (2020) **1.50** Gogglebox **2.50** Ladies Of London: The New Reign **3.40** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **4.35** The Goldbergs **5.00-6am** Brooklyn Nine-Nine

MORE4

11.35am Four In A Bed **12.40** Come Dine With Me **3.20** Four In A Bed **5.50** Car S.O.S **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00 NEW EPISODE!** Carpe Diem **10.05** 24 Hours In A&E **12.15** 999: On The Front Line **1.20** 24 Hours In A&E **3.25-3.55am** The Perfect Pitch

FILM4

11am River Of No Return (1954) **12.50** Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2 (2013) **2.40** The Perfect Catch (2005) **4.45** Mysterious Island (1961) **6.50** Free Guy (2021) **9.00** The Mechanic. Action thriller remake, starring Jason Statham. (2011) **10.50** Sexy Beast (2000) **12.35-2.40am** Peppermint (2018)

TALKING PICTURES

11.30am FILM The End Of The Road (1954) **1.05** The Edgar Wallace Mystery Theatre **2.15** The Adventures Of Robin Hood **2.45 FILM** Date With Disaster (1957) **4.00** That's My Boy **4.30** The Cheaters **5.00** A Family At War **6.00** Rumpole Of The Bailey **7.00** Z Cars **8.00** Public Eye **9.05 FILM** Ship Of Fools. Drama, starring Oskar Werner. (1965) **12.00 FILM** Remember My Name (1978) **2.00 FILM** A Cry From The Streets (1958) **3.55** Scotland Yard **4.30** The Vise **5.00-6am** The Man From UNCLE

GREAT! ACTION

1pm The Unit **2.00** Burn Notice **4.00 FILM** The Virginian (2014) **6.00** The Unit **7.00** Burn Notice **8.00** Raiders Of The Lost Art **9.00 FILM** The Punisher. Comic-book thriller, starring Thomas Jane. (2004) **11.30** The Avengers **12.30** The Baron **1.30** The Persuaders! **2.30 FILM** Super Eruption (2011) **4.00** Good News On GREAT! Extra **4.10** Air Rescue **4.35** Good News On GREAT! Extra **4.45** Air Rescue **5.35-6am** Air Rescue

SATURDAY 29 AUGUST

BBC1

HD: Freeview 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101 FreeSat 101

6.00 am Breakfast (S)
10.00 Saturday Kitchen (S)
11.30 Anna Haugh's Big Irish Food Tour Pop star Una Healy joins Anna in Tipperary. (R,S)
12.00 Bargain Hunt Two teams seek bargains in Nottinghamshire. (R,S)
12.45 The Football Interview A conversation with a leading football personality. (S)

7.10pm Paddington 2

1.00 BBC News (S)
1.15 Money For Nothing (R,S)
2.00 Homes Under The Hammer Property auctions. (R,S)
3.00 Escape To The Country In Northumberland. (R,S)
3.45 Final Score (S)
5.15 BBC News (S)
5.25 BBC Regional News (S)
5.35 The Hit List (S)
6.20 Alan Carr's Celebrity Picture Slam (S)
7.10 FILM Paddington 2 Comedy adventure, with the voice of Ben Whishaw. (2017) ★★★★★ (S)
8.50 The Weakest Link (11/16) Contestants include Donna Preston, Jon Culshaw, Jamelia, Simon Calder and Dianne Buswell. (R,S)
9.35 Ghosts (2/7) Mary walks Julian through her journey of self-discovery and how she finally found her voice. Thomas realises enough is enough – he must go 'cold turkey' on his Alison addiction. (R,S)
10.05 BBC News (S)
10.25 Match Of The Day The latest Premier League matches. (S)
11.35 NEW Raye @ Reading Festival 2026 The singer-songwriter performs in the second headline slot of the day. (S)
12.55-6am BBC News (S)

BBC2

HD: Freeview 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102 FreeSat 102

6.15 am Children's Programmes
8.00 The Next Step: Cheer (R,S)
8.25 Girl Troop Vs Aliens (R,S)
8.50 Newsround (S)
9.00 Gardeners' World (R,S)
10.00 This Wild Life (R,S)
10.30 FILM Laura Murder mystery, with Dana Andrews and Gene Tierney. (1944) ★★★★ (B/W,S)
11.55 The Great British Sewing Bee Music week. (R,S)
12.55 Race Against The Tide (R,S)

9pm Wham! 10 Days In China

1.25 FILM Beaches Drama, starring Bette Midler, Barbara Hershey and John Heard. (1988) ★★★ (S)
3.20 FILM Evil Under The Sun Hercule Poirot mystery, starring Peter Ustinov. (1982) ★★★★ (S)
5.15 LIVE Super League Wakefield Trinity v York Knights. Kick-off at **5.30**. Action from The DIY Kitchens Stadium. (S)
7.30 NEW Celebrating James Bond At The Proms A concert at the Royal Albert Hall in which Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser conducts the BBC Concert Orchestra and guests in music from the James Bond franchise. (S)
9.00 NEW Wham! 10 Days In China Documentary about the group's two concerts in China in 1985. (S)
10.25 Wham! At The BBC A selection of archive performances by the group. (R,S)
11.35 TOTP 1985: Big Hits Music by Wham!, the Smiths, and Tears for Fears. (R,S)
12.35 Today At The Test (R,S)
1.35 FILM Compartment No 6 Drama, starring Seidi Haarla. (2021) ★★★★
3.20-4.15am Sign Zone: Ludwig David Mitchell stars. (R,S,SL)

ITV1

HD: Freeview 103 Sky 103 Virgin 103 FreeSat 103

6.00 am FILM For Your Eyes Only James Bond spy thriller, starring Roger Moore. (1981) ★★★ (S)
8.25 Prue Leith's Cotswold Kitchen (S)
9.25 ITV News (S)
9.30 James Martin's Saturday Morning (S)
12.00 LIVE EFL Live Middlesbrough v West Bromwich Albion. Kick-off at **12.30**. (S)

9.30pm Man Of Steel

2.55 FILM Never Say Never Again James Bond thriller, starring Sean Connery and Klaus Maria Brandauer. (1983) ★★★★ (S)
5.25 ITV News (S)
5.45 Regional News (S)
6.00 The Chase Celebrity Special With Jasmine Harman, Helen Lederer, Jamie Borthwick and Neil Delamere. (R,S)
7.00 The Voice UK (2/10) Emma Willis hosts with the spinning-chair singing contest, with coaches Tom Jones, Will.i.am, Tom Fletcher and Danny Jones and Kelly Rowland assessing more acts. (S)
8.15 The 1% Club (16/16) Quiz, hosted by Lee Mack. (R,S)
9.15 ITV News (S)
9.30 FILM Man Of Steel An alien living in secret on Earth uses his extraordinary powers to defend the human race from a genocidal invasion. Sci-fi adventure, with Henry Cavill and Amy Adams. (2013) ★★★ (S)
12.00 English Football League Highlights (S)
1.20 Shop On TV
3.00 The Summit (R,S,SL)
3.50 Unwind With ITV (S)
5.05-6am Fern Britton: Inside The Vet's (R,S,SL)

CHANNEL 4

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6.00 am Cheers (R,S)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Three episodes. (R,S)
9.10 Superhero Tri 2026 Clare Balding presents action from the annual event at Dorney Lake in Windsor, which is the UK's biggest mass-participation triathlon designed for disabled participants. (S)
9.55 Frasier Triple bill. (R,S)
11.25 The Simpsons (R,S)

8pm Black Panther

1.20 The Simpsons (R,S)
1.50 Four In A Bed (R,S)
2.20 Four In A Bed (R,S)
2.55 Four In A Bed (R,S)
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4.25 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces (R,S)
5.30 Grand Designs (R,S)
6.30 C4 News (S)
7.00 Sandi Toksvig's Hidden Wonders (3/4) Sandi takes her first ever trip to Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland. (R,S)
8.00 FILM Black Panther The new ruler of a hidden African nation faces a challenge for his throne. Comic-book adventure, starring Chadwick Boseman and Michael B Jordan. (2018) ★★★★ (S)
10.45 FILM Terminator: Dark Fate Sarah Connor must stop an advanced liquid Terminator. Sci-fi adventure, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. (2019) ★★★★ (S)
1.00 NEW White Ant Award-winning short film starring Denzil Smith. (S)
1.15 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R,S,SL)
2.05-4.10am FILM Hope Drama, starring Andrea Braein Hovig and Stellan Skarsgard. (2019) ★★★★★

CHANNEL 5

HD: Freeview 104 Sky 105 Virgin 105 FreeSat 105

6.00 am Milkshake! Followed by **Entertainment News On 5**
9.10 The King's Guard: Serving The Crown Cameras focus on the elite regiments of the British Army's Household Division. (R,S)
10.00 Westminster Abbey: Behind Closed Doors (R,S)
11.00 Westminster Abbey: Behind Closed Doors (R,S)
12.00 Westminster Abbey: Behind Closed Doors (R,S)

9pm 9/11: The Unseen Footage

1.00 The Royals: Uncensored (S)
2.00 Coastal Adventures With Helen, Jules & JB (R,S)
3.00 Coastal Adventures With Helen, Jules & JB (R,S)
4.00 Passage To India: A Yorkshire Vet Special (R,S)
5.00 Tommy Cooper: 30 Funniest Moments The most memorable sketches and routines. (R,S) Followed by **5 News Weekend**
7.00 Cycling: Vuelta A España 2026 Rebecca Charlton presents highlights of stage eight. (S)
8.00 Andrew, Fergie & The Scandal Of SouthYork The controversy surrounding Sunninghill Park in Berkshire. (R,S)
9.00 NEW 9/11: The Unseen Footage The story of the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks told through footage discovered in the archives of the international news agency Reuters almost 25 years later. (S)
10.30 FILM Kinky Boots Comedy drama, starring Chiwetel Ejiofor. (2005) ★★★★ (S)
12.35 George Michael: The Man & The Music (R,S)
1.05 Cruise TV With LoveitBookit (R,S)
2.05-2.55am GPs: Behind Closed Doors (R,S)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

BBC TWO WALES As main BBC TWO except: 12.55pm FILM Beaches (1988) **2.50 FILM** Evil Under The Sun (1982) **4.45-5.15pm** SOS: Extreme Rescues

S4C 6am Cyw **8.00-10.00** Stwnsh Sadwrn **8.00** Y Doniolis **8.10** Prys A'r Pryfed **8.20** Bwystfil **8.30** Lego DREAMZzz **8.55** Chwarter Call **9.10** Y Smyrffs **9.20** He-Man A Meistri'r Bydysawd **9.40** Y Galeri Luniau **10.00** Annibendod **10.15** Garddio A Mwy **10.45** Dan Do **11.15** Cartrefi Cymru **11.45** Sgwrs Dan Y Lloer **12.30pm** Y Ci Perffaith **1.00** Sain Ffagan **1.30** Prosiect Pum Mil **2.30** Busnes Bwyd **3.30** Taclo'r Ty **4.00** Iaith Ar Daith **5.05** Y Gêm **5.30** Dartiau: Pencampwriaethau Cymru 2026 **7.45** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Dartiau: Pencampwriaethau Cymru 2026 **11.30pm-12.05am** Gwlad Y Basg: Gwilym Bowen Rhys

FREEVIEW AND SATELLITE CHANNELS

ITV2

12noon Deal Or No Deal **1.00** Wheel Of Fortune **2.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **3.05 FILM** The Croods. Animated comedy. (2013) **5.00 FILM** Nanny McPhee. Period fantasy, starring Emma Thompson. (2005) **6.55 FILM** Coyote Ugly. Comedy drama, starring Piper Perabo. (2000) **9.00 FILM** The Dark Knight. Comic-book thriller sequel, starring Christian Bale and Heath Ledger. (2008) **12.05** Family Guy **1.05** American Dad! **2.05** Plebs **2.30-3am** Transaction

ITV3

10.10am A Touch Of Frost **12.10** The Darling Buds Of May **2.20** Midsomer Murders **10.10** Vera **12.00** Inspector Morse **2.15-2.30am** Unwind With ITV

ITV4

11.35am Cadfael **1.15 LIVE SPORT!** ITV Racing: From Goodwood. Coverage from Goodwood, Beverley and Sandown Park. **4.00** World Of Sport **4.15** Made In Britain **4.45** The Professionals **5.50** Aussie Pickers **6.50** Sharpe **9.00** English Football League Highlights **10.30** All Elite Wrestling: Double Or Nothing 2026 **3.20-3.30am** Unwind With ITV

BBC THREE

7pm Doctor Who **8.35 NEW EPISODE!** Ghosts US **9.35** Mrs Brown's Boys New Year Special 2025 **10.05** Mrs Brown's Boys New Year Special **10.35** Nighty Night **11.35** Schitt's Creek **1.50** Confessions Of A Steroid Gang **2.20-3.55am** Doctor Who

BBC FOUR

7pm Today At The Test **8.00** Life On Earth **8.55** Planet Earth: An Elephant's Tale **9.00 NEW EPISODE!** Kabul. Double bill. **10.50** To The Manor Born **11.15** Keeping Up Appearances **11.45** The Great British Seaside Holiday: Timeshift **12.30** Ray Mears And Ewan McGregor: Extreme Jungle **1.30** Life On Earth **2.25-3.10am** The Great British Seaside Holiday: Timeshift

E4

11.20am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **12.25 FILM** Antz (1998) **2.00** The Simpsons **4.35 FILM** Home Alone (1990) **6.45 FILM** The Devil Wears Prada (2006) **9.00** Celebrity Gogglebox **10.00** Gogglebox **12.05** First Dates **1.10** Below Deck **3.50** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **5.35-6am** Modern Family

MORE4

11.35am A Place In The Sun **2.40** Come Dine With Me **5.20** Four In A Bed **8.00** Griff's Canadian Adventure **9.00** 24 Hours In A&E **11.05** 999: On The Front Line **1.15** 24 Hours In A&E **3.20-3.45am** The Perfect Pitch

FILM4

11am Togo (2019) **1.15** Spies In Disguise (2019) **3.15** Those Magnificent Men In Their Flying Machines (1965) **5.55** The Greatest Showman (2017) **8.00** Murder On The Orient Express. Mystery, starring Kenneth Branagh. (2017) **10.15** Ghost Rider. Fantasy thriller, starring Nicolas Cage. (2007) **12.30-3.15am** Bone Tomahawk. Western horror, starring Kurt Russell and Patrick Wilson. (2015)

TALKING PICTURES

12noon FILM The Abominable Snowman (1957) **1.45 FILM** Albert RN (1953) **3.30** The Tornados: Robot **3.35** Whiplash **4.10 FILM** Sea Of Sand (1958) **6.10** Look At Life **6.25** Dick Turpin **7.00** Maigret **8.00** The Duchess Of Duke Street **9.05 FILM** Quatermass 2. Hammer sci-fi horror sequel, starring Brian Donlevy. (1957) **10.50** Eurotrash **11.25 FILM** Night Of The Living Dead. Horror, starring Judith O'Dea. (1968) **1.20 FILM** The Hot Month Of August. Crime thriller, starring Petros Fyssoun. (1966) **3.00 FILM** The Adventures Of Jane. Comedy, starring Christabel Leighton-Porter. (1949) **4.10** One Step Beyond **4.45** Camera Cameos **5.25** Cinebox Memories **5.30-6am** Honey West

GREAT! ACTION

12.55pm FILM Immortal Sergeant (1943) **2.55 FILM** Run Silent, Run Deep (1958) **4.55 FILM** Night People (1954) **7.00 FILM** Predestination. Sci-fi thriller, starring Ethan Hawke. (2014) **9.00 FILM** Hercules. Mythological adventure, starring Dwayne Johnson and Ian McShane. (2014) **11.05 FILM** Flight Of Fury. Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal. (2007) **1.15** The Persuaders! **2.15 FILM** Meteor Storm. Sci-fi thriller, starring Michael Trucco. (2010) **3.50** Coast Guard Alaska **4.35** Air Rescue **5.50-6am** Good News On GREAT! Extra

Puzzles

Code word

In this crossword, each letter of the alphabet appears as a code number. Crack the code to complete the grid. We have given you some letters to start you off. Once you've completed the puzzle, transfer the appropriate letters to the smaller grid to spell out the name of an *Emmerdale* character.

7	13	8	22	14	20	■	10	3	8	9	13	26
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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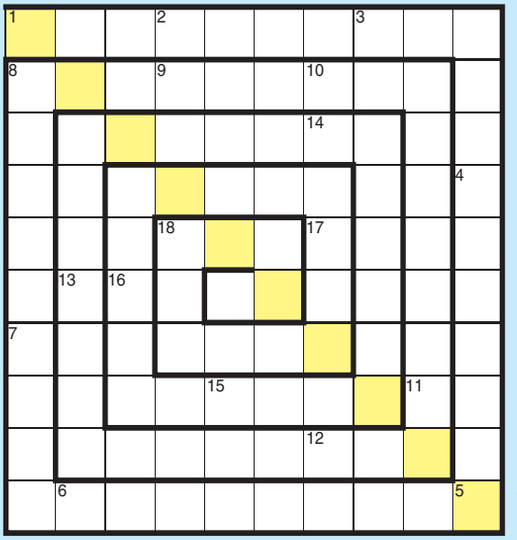
14 O	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22 T	23	24	25	26

15	11	3	1	8	3	25	3	24	3	18	7

Word spiral

In this puzzle, the last letter of each solution word is the first letter of the next. Once completed, the shaded diagonal letters – read left to right – will spell out the name of a *Coronation Street* character.



1 Anchor (a boat) (4)
2 Send a message over the air (5)
3 Cook for too long (6)
4 Unenclosed space outdoors (4,3)
5 True-to-life (9)
6 ___ B, rapper (5)
7 Force of a collision (6)
8 Car and driver for hire (4)
9 Irritation of the skin (4)
10 Farmer's heaps of dried grass (9)
11 Drink dispensed by a siphon (4)
12 Animal with protective plates (9)
13 Paper to fill in when you buy goods by post (5,4)
14 Roughly (4,2,4)
15 Cloth used to support an injured arm (5)
16 Colourless state (8)
17 Hairdressers (8)
18 Hollow tube used for drinking (5)

Mind the gap

Fill these three-letter words into the spaces on the right, so that each row spells out a word. Once completed, the shaded column – read top to bottom – will spell out the first name of a former *Hollyoaks* character.

NAG
PEN
RIB
RUM
SAD
TAG
TIN

S	C				B	L	Y
T	A	N	T				S
H	A	P				E	D
B	A	D	I				E
U	N				D	L	E
C	O	T				E	R
M	U				E	E	R

Arrow word

Follow the arrows to fill in your answers. Then rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out the name of a former *Home and Away* character.

Allowance		Group of chicks		Borders, rims		Pop group's song collection		In like manner	High-ranking university official
Company trademark		Beetroot colour				Boy, youth			
				Triangular end of a building					
Pasteboard		East Sussex village near Hastings				New York's country (inits)			
				___ Cowell, music mogul					

Kriss kross

Using logic, fit all the words in the grid. Then rearrange the shaded squares to spell out the name of an *EastEnders* business.

3 letters
NIP
OPT
OWL
RAY
SAY
TUI

4 letters
EDDY
EPIC
FLEA
KILL

5 letters
CURSE
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9 letters
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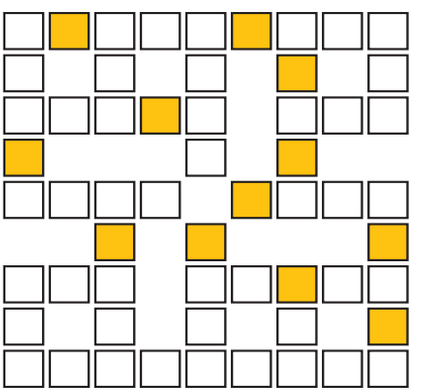

Answers

KNIGHT FUSION

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W	■	T	■	L	I	T	R	E	■	■	■	■
O	P	■	F	■	■	■	■	I	■	■	■	■
E	P	I	C	■	K	I	L	L	■	■	■	■
S	■	■	■	Y	■	H	■	■	■	■	■	■
R	A	P	I	D	■	S	A	Y	■	■	■	■
U	■	■	■	D	■	U	■	A	■	■	■	■
C	O	N	D	E	N	S	E	R	■	■	■	■

KRISS KROSS

BRAD ARMSTRONG

C	A	R	D	■	S	I	M	O	N	■	■	■
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■	U	■	R	E	D	■	L	A	D	■	■	■
■	Q	■	B	■	E	■	A	■	■	■	■	■

ARROW WORD

MIND THE GAP
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TANTRUMS,
HAPPENED,
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COTTAGER,
MUTINEER,
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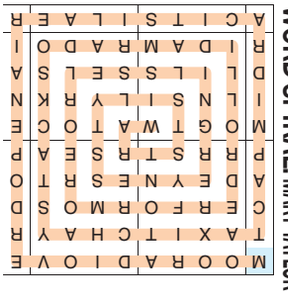

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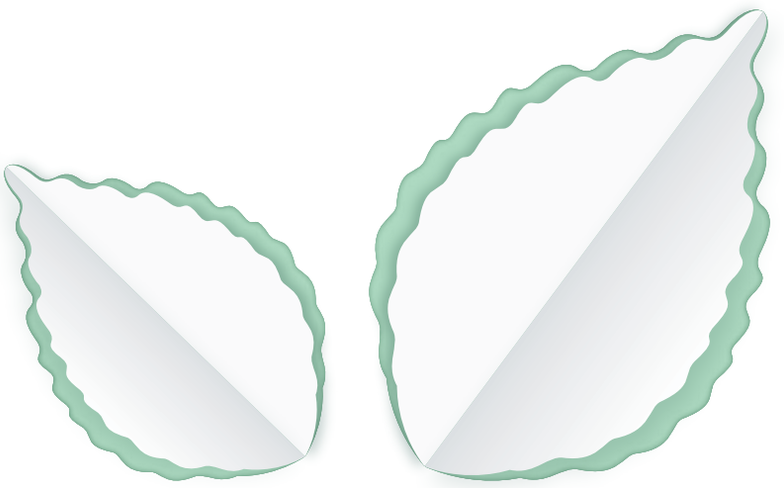

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